

HONORING LACHLAN CHARLES
GIBSON

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2020

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Lachlan Charles Gibson. Lachlan 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.

Lachlan has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Lachlan 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, Lachlan has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Lachlan remodeled the concession stand at Dockery Park in Gallatin, Missouri.

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

IN RECOGNITION OF SACRAMENTO
AREA BUSINESS LEADERS

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

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Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the many outstanding business leaders in California's Capital Region being honored at the Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce's 125th annual dinner and business awards ceremony. Those being honored are dedicated to the success of the region and have worked tirelessly to advance its economic vitality. I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring these fine Sacramentans, and in thanking the Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce for its tireless efforts to promote business in northern California.

Kevin Nagle, a businessman, key investor and CEO of the Sacramento Republic FC and minority owner of the Sacramento Kings, is being honored as the 2019 Sacramentan of the Year. Mr. Nagel has demonstrated his commitment to this city year after year, helping to ensure the Kings stayed in Sacramento and taking the Sacramento Republic FC from a startup team to a Major League Soccer organization. Mr. Nagle is a tremendous advocate and has brought a much-needed energy and vigor to our region.

James Beckwith, President & CEO of Five Star Bank since 2003 and Board of Director of the Greater Sacramento Economic Council, is the 2019 Businessman of the Year. Mr. Beckwith serves his clients with an entrepreneurial and empathetic spirit and believes in helping our region grow. Throughout his tenure with Five Star Bank, Mr. Beckwith has invested deeply in our community though not only Five Star Bank, but his involvement in the Sacramento Angels. His work has helped not

only Five Star Bank grow but has facilitated success for numerous local startup ventures.

Patricia 'Trish' Rodriguez, Senior Vice President and Area Manager of Kaiser Permanente since 2010 is the 2019 Businesswoman of the Year. A longtime RN, Ms. Rodriguez is responsible for the provision of health care to more than 247,000 Kaiser Permanente members in the South Sacramento County area. Ms. Rodriguez works to improve not only community health, but economic health in our region and in addition to her Board role with the Sacramento Metro Chamber, is a Board Member for the American Heart Association.

The Salvation Army is being inducted into the Centennial Business Hall of Fame. Started in 1865, the Salvation Army aims to reach our most vulnerable community members through a variety of compassionate services. From youth programs, to adult rehabilitation centers, the Salvation Army provides services to community members at every stage of their lives. They have locations in virtually every section of the world, helping in over 100 hundred countries.

Honey has been named the 2019 Small Business of the Year. Founded in 2008, the female-led design and marketing studio has expertise in food, beverage, and agriculture industries. Honey is committed to creating the best and most aesthetic designs for their clients and are passionate about their craft. They have been developing designs for over ten years for industries such as winemakers, restaurants, events, and cannabis.

Debra Oto-Kent, Founder and Executive Director of the Health Education Council, is receiving the 2019 Al Geiger Memorial Award. She founded the Council over twenty-eight years ago in order to reduce health disparities between communities. The Council builds partnerships with existing institutions in order to share resources and knowledge across the greater health community.

Bill Mueller, CEO of Valley Vision, is receiving the 2019 Peter McCuen Award for Civic Entrepreneurs. For thirteen years, Mr. Mueller has taken on complex challenges and has pushed community inspired and researched based solutions through his role of CEO. He has had a big role in improving the Sacramento area's diverse communities.

Verna Sulpizio Hull, Director of Strategic Partnerships at Visit Sacramento, is the 2019 Metro EDGE Young Professional of the Year. Verna has been working to integrate local partnerships and businesses into Sacramento's tourism economy allowing for higher revenues and a larger growth in Sacramento's economy.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize these individuals and businesses for their contributions to the Sacramento region that I love. I ask all my colleagues to join me in commending them for their unwavering commitment to the Sacramento region.

CONGRATULATING ASHLEY LIN ON BECOMING A DISTINGUISHED FINALIST IN THE PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARDS PROGRAM

HON. JAIME HERRERA BEUTLER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2020

Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Ashley Lin of Vancouver, Washington, on becoming a distinguished finalist and top volunteer in the 2020 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program.

These annual awards were founded in 1995 to highlight individuals' service to our communities, and to encourage younger members of this nation to continue this tradition early on and throughout their lives.

Ashley, a junior at Union High School in Southwest Washington, founded and runs the organization "Project Exchange." This organization has been central in recruiting participants, designing curriculum, and securing funding to bring cross-cultural learning experiences to 250 middle and high school students from over 20 countries. She attributes the motivation to create this program to her time serving as a U.S. Youth Ambassador to Uruguay.

Once again, I want to extend my sincerest congratulations to Ashley on becoming a distinguished finalist in this program. I also applaud Ashley for bringing these opportunities to students from all over the world, and enhancing their educational experiences.

HONORING GABRIEL HACKING

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Gabriel Hacking. Gabriel 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.

Gabriel has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Gabriel 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, Gabriel has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Gabriel rehabilitated the rear entrance of the Active Aging Resource Center in Gallatin, Missouri, clearing weeds and painting the back and side walls of the building.

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

HONORING PASSAIC CHIEF OF
POLICE LUIS GUZMAN**HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I rise on this year's Dominicans on the Hill Day to recognize an invaluable member of the City of Passaic community, Chief of Police Luis Guzman. Chief Guzman is an accomplished, twenty-nine-year veteran of the City of Passaic Police Department, where he rose through the ranks to be appointed as the first ever Dominican-born Chief of Police of the City of Passaic on July 10, 2017.

Chief Guzman began his law enforcement career as a correction officer with the Passaic County Sheriff's Department in January 1990. Later that year he was hired as a police officer by the City of Passaic, becoming the first Dominican-born officer in the city's history. While in the New Jersey State Police Academy, he received the Distinguished Graduate Award for ranking at the top of his class. He served as a beat officer for the subsequent three years and a patrol officer for the next four before being assigned to the Detective Bureau in the Passaic County Sheriff's Department as a criminal investigator.

In February 2000, Chief Guzman was promoted to Sergeant and assigned to supervise detectives, concurrently working in the patrol division of his department's Community Policing Unit. In October 2004, he was promoted to Lieutenant, where he held the position of Commander of several patrol shifts, the Detective Bureau, and the Internal Affairs Division.

In September 2011, Chief Guzman was promoted to Captain and was assigned to commander of all uniformed divisions. In October 2013, he was promoted to Deputy Chief and assigned to oversee the operations division. In July 2017, Chief Guzman was made the first ever Dominican-born Chief of Police in the City of Passaic, promoted by Mayor Hector Carlos Lora, also of Dominican heritage.

During his tenure at the helm of the Passaic Police Department, Chief Guzman has managed a department that has presided over a substantial reduction in crime.

For over twenty-five years, Chief Guzman has given back to his community through one of his foremost passions, baseball. Chief Guzman has volunteered to coach youth baseball from T-ball to the American Legion League in the City of Passaic. He has regularly organized police softball and basketball games with members of the City of Passaic community.

Chief Guzman has further demonstrated his spirit of giving back through his time as an adjunct professor at Passaic County Community College, where he has taught Criminal Justice for the past fifteen years.

As Co-Chair of the Congressional Law Enforcement Caucus, I am honored to recognize Chief Luis Guzman, who has been a tremendous leader, mentor, and public servant in the City of Passaic.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, Chief Guzman's coworkers, family and friends, all those whose lives he has touched, and me, in recognizing the tireless dedication and steadfast service of Chief of Police Luis Guzman.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ROBERT
"BOB" M. SANDERS**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2020

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of my friend, Mr. Robert "Bob" M. Sanders, who passed away on December 17, 2019. Bob was a selfless public servant and hardworking American citizen, who left an impact on those who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Bob was born in Tulare, California and raised in Merced. He graduated from Merced High School and went on to attend California Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo. Bob joined the California National Guard and attended artillery school in Fort Still, Oklahoma. On his flight home after his initial service, he was seated next to California Assemblyman Gordan Winton, which would send his career path in a new direction. Assemblyman Winton hired Bob as his aide in his Sacramento office and he also worked on his campaign in 1966. After Assemblyman Winton declined to run for reelection, Bob ran for the seat himself. During the 1968 California primary, Bob traveled the Central Valley with presidential candidate Robert Kennedy, one of his most treasured memories.

Bob met the love of his life, Suzanne White while they both worked for the United Teachers of Los Angeles. Bob eventually moved on to work as Chief of Staff for Los Angeles City Councilman Zev Yaroslavsky. Later in life, he worked for Rusty Areias and served as my first district director after my election to the House of Representatives. Assembly Speaker's Office and the Senate Democratic Caucus. Bob's impressive career made him a well-respected figure in California politics.

Outside of politics, Bob enjoyed poetry, sports, and wrote scripts, directed and did voiceovers for military training films. Bob loved his family most of all and enjoyed being around his beloved friends. His knowledge of political trivia and baseball statistics was unmatched.

Bob was preceded in death by his father Marvin, mother Anna, and his younger sister, Jo Anna.

Bob is survived by his wife, Suzanne, daughter Erica, by his brothers Jim and Jeff, and his many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of my dear friend, Robert "Bob" M. Sanders. His commitment and dedication to the State of California was clear. We join his family and friends in honoring his great life.

HONORING LAURALYN CASTLE

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Lauralyn Castle for years of extraordinary public service and to celebrate her retirement from the Sonoma County Veterans Services Office.

Mrs. Castle attended Sacramento State University where she earned a Bachelor of

Science in Communications. She has used her ability to connect with others in her important work at the Sonoma County Veterans Services Office. As the Senior Veterans Service Specialist, Mrs. Castle has spent over a decade supporting and encouraging veterans and their families in meaningful and lasting ways. She recognizes the incredible sacrifices that our nation's men and women in uniform make, and she works tirelessly each day to ensure that every veteran receives the proper care and benefits that they are entitled to.

Mrs. Castle is extraordinary in many ways. She consistently makes time to serve in various capacities in our community. She has spent years helping those that struggle with addiction as a mentor for Alcoholics Anonymous. She is an active member in her local church congregation where she enjoys serving as a liturgist. Those who know her best say that she is direct and honest. She has a big heart and is willing to do everything in her power to help the people around her.

Madam Speaker, Mrs. Castle is the kind of citizen we should all strive to be. Her retirement marks the end of a decade of committed service. Though her important contributions at Sonoma County Veterans Services Office will be greatly missed, we know and trust that she will continue to devote her time and energy to serving all in our community. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor her here today.

HONORING ZAYDEN HACKING

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2020

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Zayden Hacking. Zayden 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.

Zayden has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Zayden 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, Zayden has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Zayden rehabilitated the back alley and storage area of the Gallatin Theater League in Gallatin, Missouri, pulling weeds, painting trim, leveling stairs, and removing 40 years' worth of debris that had accumulated around the storage shed.

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

HONORING JERRY BROOKS

HON. GREG STANTON

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STANTON. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Jerry Brooks, former mayor of Chandler, Arizona, who