

chains, and resulted in food waste. Meanwhile, families across the country are struggling to find new ways to purchase affordable food beyond grocery stores as they adhere to social distancing and experience disrupted food supplies.

In the face of COVID-19, farmers are eager to pivot from selling to restaurants wholesale to selling direct-to-consumer, but in order to do so, they need expensive machinery and marketing funds to make this transition. At the same time, merchants need support to expand direct producer-to-consumer markets to help communities access locally- and regionally-produced agriculture. All the while, consumers are eager to purchase food products locally and regionally.

The Farm to Fridge Act would bridge all these entities by expanding two existing programs for efforts to diversify farms' and merchants' customer bases: the Value Added Producer Grant program and the Farmers Market and Local Food Promotion Program. Both of these programs will ultimately inject necessary capital to help both farmers and merchants to close gaps in our supply chain, supplement income to farmers, and increase food access for families.

I thank my colleague, Representative FRED UPTON, for introducing this important, bipartisan measure and urge my colleagues to support it. After all, during this coronavirus pandemic, the last thing families should worry about is access to food.

NATIONAL GUARD SELFLESS
SERVICE

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 27, 2020

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, this week, almost six-hundred members of the South Carolina National Guard are on Active Duty Orders, selflessly serving their fellow citizens to combat the effects of the Wuhan Virus and provide help to South Carolinians. There service is made possible by the steadfast resolve of South Carolina's Governor Henry McMaster and Adjutant General, Major General Van McCarty. As a grateful 31-year veteran myself of the National Guard with three Guard sons—Alan, Field Artillery, who served in Iraq, Julian, Signal, who served in Egypt, and Hunter, Engineer, who served in Afghanistan. I especially appreciate Guard service.

During this challenging time, it is inspiring to witness so many National Guard Service men and women choose to help their communities. Here are a few of South Carolina's citizens who choose to serve in the National Guard, combating the Wuhan Virus.

Captain Daniel Nix, of Chapin, is Military Police Officer in the South Carolina Army National Guard. Captain Nix has supported over one-hundred missions throughout South Carolina's Joint Task Force in support of Wuhan Virus operations.

Master Sergeant Michael Keene, of Columbia, is a Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Specialist, and has supported over one-hundred missions in South Carolina.

Specialist William Stout, of Gaston, and Mikayla Battersby, of Lexington, are combat

medics in the South Carolina Army National Guard. Between the two of them, they have screened almost one-thousand people in support of relief operations.

Staff Sergeant Jennifer Heller, of Lexington, is a medical specialist in the South Carolina Air National Guard. Staff Sergeant Heller has screened over three-hundred people in support of ongoing operations.

Captain Stephen Zagorski, of Irmo, and Second Lieutenant Cullen Parrott, of Chapin, provide their expertise to help fellow citizens. Captain Zagorski is a Field Artillery Officer in the South Carolina Army National Guard and has planned and supported over one-hundred missions throughout the State. Second Lieutenant Parrott is an Ordnance Officer in the South Carolina Army National Guard and has supported over fifty missions that delivered important supplies to South Carolinians across the State.

Sergeant Elizabeth Hicks, of Lexington, is a supply sergeant in the South Carolina Army National Guard. Her efforts have positively impacted Soldiers and citizens. She organized and ensured the delivery of food and water to over five-hundred National Guards Service men and women, to include local citizens.

Major Michael Morris, of Lexington, serves in an important role as a human resources officer. Through Major Morris' adept organizational skills and positive leadership traits, he supported over one-hundred relief missions throughout South Carolina to aid in the fight against the Wuhan Virus.

First Lieutenant Brittany McKoy, of Gaston, and Staff Sergeant Christopher Rice, of Lexington, assisted numerous Service Members and fellow citizens in South Carolina. Between the two of these great American citizens, they've supported almost one-hundred service and relief missions, in response to the Wuhan Virus.

Colonel Timothy Wood, of Columbia, is a Logistics Officer in the South Carolina Army National Guard. His efforts have positively impacted citizens throughout the state as he has tirelessly planned and coordinated over two-hundred missions throughout the State.

I am grateful for the leadership of Governor McMaster, Major General Van McCarty, and these men and women who choose to serve our Nation. It is important to recognize their achievements. God Bless our Troops and let us never forget the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

IN HONOR OF THE UPCOMING
RETIREMENT OF PETER M. HAYES

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 27, 2020

Mr. UPTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary career and outstanding public service of my dear friend, Peter M. Hayes. I would like to congratulate Peter on his upcoming retirement which is well-deserved.

During the Reagan Administration, I got to know Peter when he served as the Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Water and Science at the U.S. Department of Interior, and was the Deputy Director of Congressional Liaison for two Secretaries of the Inte-

rior. During that time, I was working at OMB with David Stockman and we shared some great personal and professional experiences as we began our careers in Washington, D.C. This bond of friendship formed in those years has only strengthened and grown.

In 1985, Peter joined the Salt River Project (SRP), the nation's third-largest public power utility and the largest supplier of water to the greater Phoenix metropolitan area. SRP provides water and electricity to more than 2 million people in metropolitan Phoenix and is one of the largest raw water suppliers in Arizona, managing an extensive system of dams, reservoirs, wells, canals, and irrigation laterals.

In a career that spanned four decades in the private and public sector, Peter was a leader in public policy and brought vision to a wide array of energy and water issues that helped Arizona. He played a critical role in the negotiations on Capitol Hill and with the President George H.W. Bush administration during the Clean Air Act amendments of 1990, which led to scrubbers being installed on the Navajo Generation Station. During his tenure as Associate General Manager, Peter worked to support many issues in furtherance of Arizona's economy, including the expansion of public education, the development of the Valley's transportation systems, and the infrastructure to support Arizona's sports and tourism industry.

Peter's business and community leadership included terms as Chairman of the Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce, a Board member of the Arizona Chamber of Commerce, a Trustee of the Arizona Science Center, a member of the Dean's Advisory Board of the ASU Barrett Honors College, and a member of the Arizona Commission on the Arts. His commitment to education and the principles of American democracy led him to lead the Sandra Day O'Connor Institute as Chairman of the Board and worked to establish the Institute as the nation's premier civics education organization.

In addition to his many contributions to public service, Peter is a devoted husband, father and grandfather. He and his wife Lynn live in Phoenix, though look forward to spending more time in Pinetop. With humor, charm, goodwill and vision, Peter has been a great friend, and he has been a leader to those who seek to make Arizona and the United States a better place.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize the leadership of Peter M. Hayes and commend him for his service to the Salt River Project, Arizona and the United States.

HONORING SIMON CHOY AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR ASIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 27, 2020

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, Simon Choy was born and raised in Southeast Asia, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia as the eldest child of three. At the age of 11, he made up his mind to come to America, fascinated by the culture and opportunities the country had to offer. He firmly believes that America has so much to

offer to those that are willing to explore new territories without any boundaries. Unafraid to break tradition, he left the only life he knew and flew to America to continue his undergraduate and graduate studies. Simon earned an undergraduate degree in Finance and Computer Science and a graduate degree in Systems Management.

Currently, he is working at the Tupperware Brands corporate headquarter in Orlando, Florida, as Vice President of Human Re-

sources Worldwide. He has been with Tupperware Brands for over 19 years and has held progressive and high impact positions at the company. Prior to Tupperware Brands, he worked in the high-tech telecommunication, healthcare and hospitality industries. Simon's passion is developing and mentoring others to help improve and change their lives. During his free time, he works with various organizations to serve and help people, especially young people, to build their confidence.

He is very active in the local community, volunteering in various non-profit organizations like the Junior Achievement, Salvation Army, and the United Way. Simon is also active in the business community, he is currently, the President-Elect, of the Asian American Chamber of Commerce. Simon is married to his best friend, Belinda, for 30 years and has 3 beautiful children, Samantha, Samuel and Spencer.