

Chuck has been a key part of the team at the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission, directing government affairs and serving as an absolutely indispensable resource on tribal fisheries policy and services for the Yakama, Warm Springs, Umatilla, and Nez Perce tribes. This has meant that we have collaborated on any number of issues and projects, from creating the Columbia River Basin Restoration Act to righting historic wrongs done by the federal government with respect to tribal housing along the Columbia. Along the way, Chuck has been a tremendous partner in engaging not just my office, but the entire Pacific Northwest delegation in advancing the fisheries and related priorities of the four Columbia River Treaty tribes. He is an extraordinarily trusted, knowledgeable, and effective advocate. The work that he's done will benefit tribal communities for generations to come.

My connection to Chuck is deeper than most, as I've also had the pleasure of working closely with his son, Stone, who served as an intern in my office and then on my staff. It's been a true honor to work with Stone, who, like Chuck, is a skilled communicator, a dedicated professional, and an engaged member of the community. I have deeply appreciated the opportunity to partner with both of these wonderful people on many initiatives.

I congratulate Chuck on his retirement and thank him for his tremendous service to tribal communities in the Pacific Northwest. I am proud to call him my friend and co-collaborator. I look forward to continuing to work together, as he writes the next chapter of his remarkable life.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ERIC JASON AMBERGE

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 14, 2020

Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. Eric Jason Amberge, who passed away on July 13, 2020. A veteran, proud volunteer, and beloved husband, father, grandfather, and friend, Mr. Amberge will be dearly missed.

After graduating from SUNY Fredonia with a degree in Electrical Engineering, Mr. Amberge entered the United States Air Force. During his time in the military, Mr. Amberge was stationed at Griffiss Air Force Base in Rome, NY, where he served as a Lead Systems Engineer and Air Defense Initiatives and Program Manager, at the Advanced Planning System in Rome Laboratory, Airforce System Command. After 10 years in the Air Force, Mr. Amberge retired as a Captain and was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for Outstanding Service, a distinction given to those who preform volunteer service that far exceed the duties required by a member of the Armed Services.

Following his retirement from the Air Force, Mr. Amberge went on to receive an MBA from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. During his career as an engineer, he worked for Kodak, Oracle, APG Technologies, and Aquila Technologies.

Outside of work, Mr. Amberge was an avid volunteer who was passionate about honoring

local veterans. He served as Commander of the Skaneateles American Legion Post No. 239 and as the Director of Honor Flight Syracuse, an organization that transports local veterans to Washington, DC, allowing them to visit the national memorials dedicated to their service and sacrifice. Throughout his life, he also remained dedicated to his wife, children and step-children, mother, siblings, and grandchildren. A man of strong faith, Mr. Amberge was an avid student of scripture and strived to always treat others with dignity and respect.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in honoring the life of Mr. Eric Jason Amberge. A cherished member of our Central New York community, Mr. Amberge will truly be missed. I ask my colleagues to keep him and his family in mind as we remember his life.

CELEBRATING THE SERVICE OF PATRICK KEPLINGER

HON. RAUL RUIZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 14, 2020

Mr. RUIZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Patrick Keplinger, a member of my staff who has contributed over 20 years of exceptional service to our Country.

Patrick was commissioned as an officer in 2001 and served two tours in Operation Iraqi Freedom before achieving the rank of Major in the United States Marine Corps. In 2015, Patrick made his way to the House of Representatives, where he joined my team as a Wounded Warrior fellow. In this role, Patrick helped fellow veterans navigate the Department of Veterans' Affairs and access the benefits they have earned and deserve. Later that year, he became a permanent staff member in my Hemet office, where he has since served as a field representative. For the past five years, Patrick has worked diligently to address the military's use of toxic burn pits and advocate for veterans in our community.

One of Patrick's most significant accomplishments in my office was the case of Jennifer Kepner, a 39-year-old veteran from Cathedral City. Jennifer served in Operation Iraqi Freedom, and in 2016 was diagnosed with Stage IV Pancreatic Cancer. Her doctors determined that her exposure to burn pits during her deployment was the cause of her cancer. The VA denied her claim for compensation, but Patrick helped her obtain 100 percent service-connected compensation. Additionally, Patrick helped bring the burn pit issue to the forefront, resulting in my burn pit bill, H.R. 4137, the Jennifer Kepner HOPE Act. Together, we continue to work to bring national attention to this issue.

Patrick's passion for serving our Country is not ending but starting a new chapter. He will be working at Camp Pendleton Marine Corps Base in San Diego, where he will help active duty service members transition back to civilian life. I believe Patrick is perfect for this because wherever Patrick is, there is a purpose.

On behalf of our entire community, I thank Patrick, for his exceptional continued service and wish Big Marine good luck with his future endeavors.

HONORING THE LIFE OF CHARLES BATTISE "C.B." CELESTINE

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 14, 2020

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Vietnam War veteran Charles Battise "C.B." Celestine, who passed away on Wednesday, April 22, 2020, at the age of 84. Mr. Celestine was a long-time affiliate of the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas and proudly served as a councilman.

C.B. Celestine was born on May 5, 1935, to Gus and Flanche Boatman Celestine in Livingston, Texas. As a young adult, he admirably joined the U.S. Army and fought bravely in the Vietnam War. Following his military service, C.B. worked for Triple S Construction in Texas, and after many years of service, retired as a Boilermaker Supervisor from the company. He spent much of his life in Livingston but had lived in Kountze, Texas, for the past nine years, married to his lovely wife Hazel and father to his four children.

Mr. Celestine was a proud member of the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas, a native speaker, and was known for his extensive traditional knowledge of the Tribe. C.B. was also the eldest member of the Beaver Clan. While growing up in the Tribe, he was in a singing quintet with a few of his tribal brothers called the Woody Woodrome quintet, and they produced an album together titled the Excitement of the Gospel. He spent much time of his adult life singing, playing gospel music, and celebrating the life of Christ with his family and friends.

C.B. reflected God's love daily in his service to his Tribe and others and leaves behind quite a legacy. A committed Christian, he spent much of his life as an active member of Indian Baptist Church in Polk County, Texas. In his spare time, he also enjoyed working on race cars with his son Jimmy, hunting, and spending time with his four wonderful grandchildren.

He is proceeded in death by his parents, Gus and Flanche Celestine; son, Timmy Celestine; daughter, Tania Honeycutt; brothers, Gus Celestine, Jr., Milton Warren Celestine, and Wesley Celestine; sisters, Florence Robinson and Claire Breaux. He is survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Hazel Celestine of Kountze; sons, Jimmy Celestine and Charles Celestine of Kountze; grandchildren, Maegan Drake, Morgan Celestine, Jordan Honeycutt, and Maddie Honeycutt.

Madam Speaker, I would like to thank the family of Mr. Celestine for C.B.'s faithful service and devotion to his country, Tribe, and community. My thoughts and prayers remain with his family and friends.

HONORING TANNERS TEAM SPORTS AS A FOURTH DISTRICT HERO

HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 14, 2020

Mr. WESTERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the exceptional work of Tanners Team Sports in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

The local company stepped up to the plate during COVID-19, transitioning the production of their famed baseball and pickleball products into developing high-quality face masks.

As an economic shutdown approached, the cancellation of the spring baseball season put Tanners' peak shipping season on hold. While many businesses shut down, Tanners got creative with a way to move forward, keep local jobs available and support the health and well-being of the communities around them.

Owner Vince Signorelli and his staff worked tirelessly with their existing network to create a mask that would not only meet the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's protection recommendations, but also allow athletes to wear and still perform. Within just three weeks of planning and design, Tanners and their in-house clothing brand, Vulcan Sporting Goods, had these masks in production and distribution.

This team of Fourth District citizens are heroes who have battled the COVID-19 pandemic directly. It is my hope that all Arkansans will see the value of their labor. Mr. Signorelli said it best when he said, "I can't help but marvel at how the American Spirit is alive and well right here in Hot Springs, Arkansas."

RECOGNIZING THE 73RD ANNIVERSARY OF PAKISTAN'S INDEPENDENCE

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 14, 2020

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the people of Pakistan and the Pakistani diaspora here in the United States as they celebrate the 73rd anniversary of their country's independence from British colonial rule.

Mohammad Ali Jinnah, the leader of the Pakistan movement, was sworn in as the first Governor General of Pakistan on August 14, 1947. This date commemorates the day Pakistan won Independence from British rule and the founding of a Muslim state in the northwestern and eastern regions of the Indian subcontinent. This day is celebrated in Pakistan and by the global Pakistani diaspora with festivals, fireworks, and other cultural events recognizing this important milestone.

For the past 73 years, the People of Pakistan have strived for what we cherish here in the United States, a fully democratic government of, by, and for the people. While there have been times of political unrest in the country's history, Pakistan today has a well-functioning democracy that strives to help its people while geographically being in one of the most sensitive areas in the world. Throughout my time serving as a member in this chamber, I have had the privilege to meet many individuals within the government of Pakistan. Our countries share the same goal of peace, security and prosperity for our people.

North Texas has greatly benefited from the contributions made by the Pakistani-American community. These individuals and families, with their culture, traditions, and cuisine, have enriched the diversity we are fortunate to have in North Texas. Pakistani Americans have made great contributions to our society as

doctors, engineers, scientists and entrepreneurs with the younger members in the Pakistani American community striving for academic excellence.

Madam Speaker, as I rise here today to celebrate Pakistan's independence and the progress the country and its people have made over the past 73 years. It is my hope that the people of the United States and Pakistan continue to grow and foster friendships that will allow our two countries to move forward towards greater peace, security, and prosperity for Americans and Pakistani's alike.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF FRANK ZALLER

HON. MARK E. GREEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 14, 2020

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Frank Zaller of Bolivar, Tennessee on the occasion of his one hundredth birthday.

Frank Zaller is a member of what has rightly been called our Greatest Generation. He grew up in the midst of a Great Depression at home and rising tensions around the world. When he was twenty-one, the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor and he signed up to join the United States Navy and sailed off into the Pacific theater.

During that campaign, Mr. Zaller served with the Third Marine Division as a Navy Corpsman in the Battle of Iwo Jima, providing life-saving medical care to the wounded in one of the fiercest battles of the entire war. He continued his service as a corpsman during the Korean War at the pivotal victory at Inchon.

Mr. Zaller served in the Navy for twenty-nine years, including his service in WWII and Korea, and he finished out his career as the Administrator of the Philadelphia Naval Hospital. After leaving the Navy, he worked as the Assistant Commissioner of Tennessee's Department of Mental Health before serving as the Administrator of the Western State Mental Health Hospital in Bolivar until his retirement in 1980. Frank and his wife Helen raised seven children together over the course of a loving marriage spanning nearly seven decades, and he enjoys spending time with his many children and grandchildren.

The American people are forever indebted to those of the Greatest Generation, like Frank Zaller, who answered the call of duty and stepped up to defend freedom in its darkest hour. The freedom and prosperity we enjoy today are the result of the courage of heroes like Mr. Zaller. On behalf of the United States Congress, I wish to commend Frank Zaller for his lifetime of faithful service to our nation and to the people of Tennessee, and I congratulate him on the momentous occasion of his one-hundredth birthday.

TRIBUTE TO CORPORAL CESAR "NOVA" VILLANUEVA, USMC

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 14, 2020

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to a hero and true

American patriot, United States Marine Corps Corporal Cesar A. Villanueva. Throughout the history of our great nation, we have asked young men and women to step forward and voluntarily assume the duties, responsibilities, and sacrifices required of all Americans who join the finest military in history. Cpl. Villanueva took that important step and today I ask that the House of Representatives honor and remember this incredible young man who died in service to our country.

Cpl. Villanueva, or Nova as his friends knew him, is remembered as a kind, respectable man who was outgoing, and had a passion for service. Nova's love for his country and desire to serve led him to join the Marine Corps about four years ago. Cpl. Villanueva has received numerous awards and accolades for his years of service including the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, and a Certificate of Appreciation.

On July 30, 2020, just a month after he married the love of his life, Sarah, Cpl. Villanueva boarded an amphibious assault vehicle for a routine training exercise with Marines and sailors of the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit. The vehicle sank off the coast of San Clemente Island, resulting in the death of Cpl. Villanueva, seven other marines, and a sailor.

As we look at the rich history of our country, we realize that this history is comprised of men and women, just like Cpl. Villanueva, who so bravely chose a life of military service. Each story is unique and humbling for those of us who, far from the dangers they will be called to face, live our lives in relative comfort and ease. Cpl. Villanueva's memory lives on through his father Juan, mother, Maria, his wife, Sarah, his two brothers, and numerous extended family members and friends.

While we send our deepest sympathies to his family, there are no words that can express or alleviate the grief of losing a son, husband, and brother. Cpl. Villanueva's family have given a part of themselves in the loss of their son and brother, and I hope they know that the goodness he brought to this world and the sacrifice he has made will always be remembered.

IN HONOR OF MARIANNE PEAK, IN RECOGNITION OF HER 60 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE AND ADAMS NATIONAL HISTORIC PARK

HON. STEPHEN F. LYNCH

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 14, 2020

Mr. LYNCH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Marianne Peak, to commend her for 60 years of outstanding contributions to the Adams National Historical Park, the National Park Service, and the City of Quincy, Massachusetts.

Throughout her career, Marianne has emphasized education, inclusivity, and possibility, and has influenced the lives of many that have crossed her path. She has been a dedicated steward of history and preservation and has