

RECOGNIZING LIEUTENANT
COLONEL HARRY V. SHOOP

HON. BRAD R. WENSTRUP

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2020

Mr. WENSTRUP. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the late LTC Harry Shoop who passed away on August 19, at the age of 99. LTC Shoop joined the Army in 1940, serving in Ohio's 37th and 38th Infantry Divisions.

He demonstrated integrity and valor in the Pacific during World War II, serving as platoon sergeant for Company B and Company H of the 149th Infantry Regiment. I was proud to present him with his Purple Heart at a 2017 ceremony, when he was also awarded his long overdue Bronze Star and World War II Service Medal.

I am eternally grateful for LTC Shoop for his outstanding 31-year military career. I also thank him for his lifelong commitment to serving the people of Ohio and this great nation.

I pray that God will bring comfort to LTC Shoop's family and friends, and all those in the community grieving his loss.

May God bless them.

CONGRATULATING HANNAH
STRAIN AS A WINNER OF THE
2018 FFA NATIONAL AGRICULTURE PROFICIENCY AWARD

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Hannah Strain of Rolla, Missouri for being selected as a winner of the 2018 National Agricultural Proficiency Award for her Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) project at the 91st National FFA Convention & Expo.

The SAE project is one that every FFA member completes, compelling them to apply what they are learning in the classroom while gaining hands-on career experience as an agricultural entrepreneur. Out of the 600,000-plus FFA members nationwide, Hannah is one of 188 national finalists who will be competing this month in Indianapolis. This is an enormous accomplishment for Hannah and a historical milestone for the Rolla FFA chapter.

Hannah started a hay business in conjunction with her family's beef ranch, Elk Prairie Farms LLC, where she manages grazing for the cattle and produces and sells hay to local farmers and ranchers. She won the local, area, and state proficiency award contests, propelling her to the national convention. Hannah excelled at this project because of her knowledge and ability in growing, managing, marketing and selling hay.

Hannah has since moved on to the University of Missouri, where she is studying Agricultural Education and Leadership, hoping to work in community outreach for an agribusiness. It is my great privilege to congratulate Hannah Strain before the United States House of Representatives on her remarkable achievement.

HONORING THE STATE ACCREDITATION OF MADERA COMMUNITY COLLEGE CENTER

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the state accreditation of Madera Community College, which becomes the 116th campus of the state's community college system. It is the newest college in California.

In 1958, State Center Community College District began offering classes at Madera High School with 158 students enrolled in 19 evening classes. In 1989, the Madera Community College Center was then relocated and established in a portable building at James Madison Elementary School.

Throughout the years, the institution has grown and expanded by establishing buildings, laboratories, food services, large instruction classrooms, vocational training courses, certifications and offering more than 360 courses. In fall 2009, the Center for Advanced Manufacturing (CAM) was established to offer mechanic and welding programs. Recently, the college added the Center for Agriculture and Technology (CAT) which provides laboratory, vocational training programs and various agriculture programs in plant science, agriculture mechanics, industrial maintenance and welding.

Because of the leadership of then Chancellor Dr. Bill F. Stewart and Vice Chancellor of External Relations Dr. Tom Crow, a donation of 114 acres was made by local landowners to establish the expanded current campus. Today, Madera Community College Center serves more than 6,123 students, with comprehensive and innovative programs in transfer/general education, occupational education, distance learning courses, online learning and developmental education. The Center continues to provide an affordable, quality education for the residents of Madera County and nearby communities in the San Joaquin Valley.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this historical moment and the success of the Madera Community College. This could not have been possible without the dedication and contributions of their staff, faculty, administrators and community leaders. I look forward to seeing the future achievements and success of our students, the leaders of tomorrow.

GENE BUDIG

HON. JOE CUNNINGHAM

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2020

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Dr. Gene Budig of Isle of Palms, South Carolina. Gene was raised in the small town of McCook, Nebraska where his love of baseball began at age 12. He wrote to then St. Louis Browns owner, Bill Veeck, asking for a tryout and received a letter back informing Gene that he could have a tryout under the stipulations that he graduate high school. This formative moment taught

Gene that with a little audacity and a lot of hard work, achieving his dreams was possible.

In his 81 years, Gene served in countless leadership positions across the country, from Major General in the Air National Guard; University President at Illinois State, West Virginia and Kansas; and a newspaper executive and author, just to name a few. Despite his lengthy educational career, anyone who knew Gene knew his deep passion for baseball and that he wore his love for the game, and the Yankees, on his sleeve. Gene was the last President of the American League, where he celebrated diversity and hired Larry Doby, the first Black player in the American League, as an assistant. The Charleston RiverDogs brought Gene back to his childhood barter with Bill Veeck, but this time, he was shaking hands with his son, Mike Veeck. In the 14 years that Gene served as co-owner, it was clear how much the franchise loved Gene. We will all miss his kind presence.

Gene is survived by Gretchen, his wife of 57 years, his three children, and his siblings. The Lowcountry mourns this loss but will remember Gene for the life he lived as a loving father, a leader full of wit and integrity, and an avid fan of all things baseball.

TRIBUTE TO MARC AARONS

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to Southern California are exceptional. Today, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Marc Aarons on his year as the District Governor of Rotary District 5320.

Marc's Rotary career began in 1997, and since then his involvement in the organization has been expansive. Today, he is a member of the Rotary Club of Newport Balboa and has been recognized with several awards, including the Cliff Docterman Award, for his dedication to the organization. Throughout his years of service, Marc has served as the Rotary Club of Newport Balboa's Treasurer, Vocational Chair, VP Ethics, International Chair, and Immediate Past President.

His service goes beyond Newport Balboa as Marc has served Southern California as Rotary District 5320's District Governor for the 2019–2020 year. Previously, he was an Assistant District Governor from 2013–2015 and a member of the District's Advisory Board from 2015 to 2017. Marc has also served as a member of the Foundation Committee, the Training Committee, and the Membership Committee.

A proud Eagle Scout, Marc's character and dedication to service have been largely influenced by his involvement with the Boy Scouts of America. He has received awards and recognition for his service to the Scouts around the world, including in Sweden, South Africa, and Germany. He also served as the Boy Scout's International Committee Chairman for Orange County.

Marc is a Certified Senior Advisor who has extensively studied the financial, physical, emotional, and personal issues affecting today's business owners. After living in Japan,

Marc speaks fluent Japanese and has vast knowledge of Japanese culture and world markets. Marc is married to Xiaowen and together they enjoy serving their community, trying new restaurants and barbecuing.

In light of all that Marc has done for Southern California and Orange County, I am honored to recognize him today. Marc has contributed immensely to the betterment of our region and our community is proud to call him one of our own. I add my voice to the many who will be congratulating Marc Aarons on his term as Rotary District 5320's District Governor.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JACK WOOLF

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with my colleague Mr. COX to honor the life of a great farmer, veteran and San Joaquin Valley native, Jack Woolf, who passed away on July 28, 2020 at the age of 102. Jack was a pioneering farmer who transformed the west side of California's San Joaquin Valley into an agricultural oasis.

Jack was born on Sept. 6, 1917, along with his identical twin, Leyton, in Scottsdale, Arizona. Growing up, he enjoyed helping his family at their small dairy farm. After graduating from Peoria High School in 1935, he and his twin moved to Los Angeles and enrolled in Woodbury Business College. They obtained their business degrees in two years and graduated Magna Cum Laude.

After college, Jack worked as a cotton merchandiser, but due to escalating tensions in Europe, Jack registered for the draft in early spring 1941. He joined the Army and rose to the rank as Captain. As a member of the 204th Anti-Aircraft Battalion, he landed on Omaha Beach as part of the D-Day Normandy Invasion of Europe. He received seven battle stars. He was discharged as a Major in December 1945.

After a career of military service, he returned to his old job at Anderson Clayton. In 1957, he traveled to Mendota, Calif. to meet with a landowner, Russell Giffen who sold his farming operation to Anderson Clayton. This created a 30 plus year relationship that led to creating one of California's largest and most successful farming operation, Giffen Inc.

In 1949, Jack met his soul mate, Bernice. A few months after they met, they decided to get married and formed a beautiful family. In 1974, Giffen retired from the farming business and asked Jack to sell all the assets. Instead, Jack decided to start his own operation, Woolf Farming Co. of California.

Jack proved to be a leader and successful entrepreneur. His business grew successfully because of vision, loyalty, and passion. His military training and strong character were ingrained into who he was as a businessman and member of the community.

Jack was a member of several boards and organizations including The National Cotton Council, Valley Public Television, Fresno Historical Society, Santa Clara University Board of Regents and the California Tomato Growers Association. He helped establish a graduate

agribusiness program at Santa Clara University and he received an honorary doctorate degree from Fresno State. Both of these institutions offer scholarships in his honor.

He is survived by his loving and devoted wife of over 70 years, Bernice, his six kids: Anne Franson and husband Don, Nancy Woolf, John Woolf and wife Mary Pat, Mike Woolf and wife Shelly, Stuart Woolf and wife Lisa, Chris Woolf and wife Sarah, 24 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join us in celebrating and honoring the life of Mr. Jack Woolf. Jack strode through life with purposeful steady steps, a man on his way somewhere, always moving forward. His service to his country will be remembered for many years to come. We join his family, friends and community in honoring his life and legacy.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHARLES AMBLER'S RETIREMENT

HON. VERONICA ESCOBAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2020

Ms. ESCOBAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Charles Ambler on the occasion of his retirement from the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP). UTEP bids goodbye to one of its most notable contributors to the institution's transformation from a regional university to a leader in U.S. higher education. Dr. Ambler joined the UTEP faculty in 1984. As a recent Ph.D. graduate of Yale, he devoted himself to supporting UTEP's mission of ensuring the success of its majority Hispanic and first-generation student body. Concurrently, Dr. Ambler established himself as an internationally recognized scholar of African History, publishing numerous articles and scholarly books focused on 19th and 20th century Africa.

Dr. Ambler quickly rose through the faculty ranks earning the title of Professor and serving as Chair of UTEP's History Department. In 1996, Dr. Ambler assumed leadership of UTEP's emerging graduate program, a role he played on and off as Dean and Assistant Vice President until 2019. In the mid-nineties, UTEP was limited to a small number of doctoral programs. He recognized the opportunity at hand, created by lawsuits challenging the lack of graduate programs along the United States-Mexico border region, to greatly expand program offerings. UTEP was able to establish itself as a national leader in graduate education and a major producer of Hispanic doctoral degree holders. Altogether, Dr. Ambler understood it was important for these degree programs to not only be of the highest quality, but to focus on the scholarly issues happening along the border region. UTEP's forward thinking led to the development of a doctoral degree program in U.S.-Mexico border history. This innovation was accompanied by similar degrees with a border focus in areas like International Business, Engineering, and Health Science.

While Dr. Ambler was an internationally recognized African History scholar, he was deeply committed to improving undergraduate education. He regularly taught large sections of undergraduate history and developed strategies to improve the success of UTEP's stu-

dents. Dr. Ambler's strategies and teaching skills included technology-based learning and contacting students who stopped attending class to invite them back. As a result, completion rates in his section and average scores on standardized tests were higher than in other sections of the same class.

Dr. Ambler's influence on education, grants, and studentship has gone far beyond UTEP. He has held several prestigious fellowships, served as President of the African Studies Association, and most recently served as Dean in Residence of the Council of Graduate schools.

Dr. Ambler and his wife Gloria, who recently retired herself after many years of service as a teacher and counselor in the El Paso Independent School District, are vital members of the El Paso community.

UTEP is a better place due in no small part to Dr. Ambler's 35 years of service.

HONORING JOSEPH W. HESTON

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Joseph W. Heston for his 45-year career in broadcast journalism, including more than 20 years on the central coast of California, and congratulate him on his retirement.

Joe's early career began with Westinghouse Broadcasting in 1976 at WJZ-TV in Baltimore. Over the next eight years, Joseph held various production positions at WJZ-TV, WBZ-TV in Boston, and KDKA-TV in Pittsburgh. In 1984, Joe began working with Hearst Television, where he would spend the rest of his career. He joined Hearst at WCVB-TV in Boston, where he was executive producer of programming and assistant program director, before moving to WBAL-TV in Baltimore, where he was vice president and station manager, and WTAE-TV in Pittsburgh, where he also served as vice president and station manager.

Joe's career took him to the California in 1999, where he began his role as president and general manager of KSBW-TV, the Heart Television station serving the Central Coast. His time at KSBW has been marked by a number of milestones. In 2001, KSBW launched its official website, which now averages over 6 million pageviews a month with over 500,000 unique users and is the region's most visited local site. In 2002, Joe oversaw the construction and launch of the market's first HDTV station. In April 2011, Joe oversaw the launch of "Central Coast ABC"—the first local ABC affiliate ever on the Central Coast. In April 2016, he helped launch KSBW's second channel, the Spanish-language network Estrella. During Joe's time as president and general manager, KSBW has been recognized with Radio Television Digital News Association regional Edward R. Murrow Awards for Best Newscast and Breaking News, and regional Emmy Awards for Best Newscast and Best Breaking News Coverage.

Throughout his time on the Central Coast, Joe has always had the priority of giving back to his community personally and through his work at KSBW. Joe is a former member of the Board of the United Way of Monterey County and oversaw KSBW's launch of the early