

RECOGNIZING THE ORANGE COUNTY VETERANS AND MILITARY FAMILIES COLLABORATIVE

HON. HARLEY ROUDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 2020

Mr. ROUDA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Orange County Veterans and Military Families Collaborative for its outstanding service to the veterans and military families of Orange County, California. This organization, a commendable group of dedicated professionals and volunteers, embodies the spirit of collaboration and demonstrates the power of our community to come together and solve our toughest challenges.

Established in 2012 by a small, passionate group of Vietnam War Veterans, who answered yet another call of duty, the Collaborative helps to connect veterans, active duty and reserve service members, and military families across Orange County to quality benefits, services, and community-based opportunities.

Today, the Collaborative consists of nearly 120 member organizations, including businesses, government offices at the federal, state and local levels, non-profits, and officials from the Veterans Administration. The Collaborative serves the Orange County veteran community through eleven focus groups—dealing with critical topics like homelessness, education, and employment—and other efforts, such as a task force that works with older veterans.

The Collaborative works to ensure all veterans have a place to call home by helping veterans to secure HUD-VASH benefits and by filling the gaps for veterans where federal resources are unable to compensate. Their Housing Working Group monitors the by-name list of homeless veteran populations in Orange County and deploys rapid responses to veterans facing homelessness. Their Housing Group has also worked to house over 100 veterans and their families over the course of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In addition, the Collaborative has made meaningful progress towards addressing the tragedy of suicide among our veterans. In 2019, the Collaborative partnered with America's Warrior Partnership to conduct Operation Deep Dive, a forensic study on the causes of veteran suicides and self-harm. Their commitment to finding solutions to these issues reminds us of Congress' own duty and the urgent need to support veteran groups working on this issue.

In 2018, the Collaborative was recognized as the Community Veteran Engagement Board for Orange County by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, deepening their role as an integral part of the Orange County community.

I ask all Members join me in honoring the Orange County Veterans and Military Families Collaborative for their work on behalf of over 130,000 Orange County veterans and their families.

HONORING JOSÉ ROLANDO VILLAREAL, J.D.

HON. TJ COX

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COX of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. José Rolando Villareal, J.D. whose story of success and achievement is a true testament to all that is possible here in America. Throughout his life, Mr. Villareal has been a shining example of the immigrant experience in our country through his perseverance, tenacious spirit, and service to others.

Mr. Villareal and his three sisters were born to Jose Maria and Elisa Villarreal in the border city of Piedras Negras, Coahuila, Mexico and immigrated with his family to the United States as a young child. The family originally arrived in Eagle Pass, Texas then, like so many other migrant farmworker families, lived in various states following the harvest until eventually settling in San Jose, California. There in Silicon Valley, Mr. Villareal was able to become the first in his family to attend college. He earned his bachelor's degree from San Jose State University and then earned his Juris Doctorate from Santa Clara University School of Law.

Mr. Villareal then began his professional career in the Central Valley, where he served in various capacities focused on improving the lives of vulnerable, underserved communities in the region. He served as chief public defender in Fresno County for eight years and as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the California Rural Legal Assistance, an organization that has transformed the lives of thousands of working families and immigrant communities. Mr. Villareal has also served his community as Mayor of Sanger, California, where he led efforts to spur economic development and strengthen public safety.

Our history as a nation of immigrants is rich with countless stories of struggle and success. Like many child immigrants, Mr. Villareal spent much of his life striving to secure a foothold in our country and achieve the American Dream. Though his experiences as an immigrant were never easy, he persevered and achieved his ultimate goal of successfully gaining U.S. citizenship. Throughout his career, Mr. Villareal endeavored to encourage other immigrants to strive for this goal and has become a role model for his community.

Mr. Villareal has become a source of pride for his wife Enriqueta and their four children Rolando, Adrian, Alejandro, and Meliza, who have all supported him in sharing the story of his life via a published memoir. His lifetime of accomplishments has been rooted in his deep commitment to service. His dedication to the Central Valley's immigrant community and personal mission to improve the lives of others perfectly exemplifies the virtues of American society.

Madam Speaker it is my privilege to recognize Mr. Villareal and I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating his exemplary commitment to achieving the American Dream.

RECOGNIZING JULIE OLSON FOR BEING AWARDED THE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN EDUCATORS FOUNDATION AND ARKANSAS STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION COVID-19 GRANT

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 2020

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, today I rise to congratulate Julie Olson, an educator from Woodrow Cummins Elementary in Conway, AR. Julie has been awarded the Association of American Educators Foundation and Arkansas State Teachers Association COVID-19 grant.

Ms. Olson will use this special grant to buy robotic kits for her kindergarten through second grade students. Julie's had great success with these kits in the past and receiving more will enable every student to have their own kit in a socially distanced classroom.

Incorporating technology with traditional learning keeps her students engaged and eager to learn. Her proactive curriculum adaptation allows students to benefit from hands-on, experimental learning despite an unprecedented classroom setting.

I congratulate Julie for receiving this grant, and I know she is making her community proud. I thank Julie for her innovative methods in educating Arkansas' students.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 2020

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, for personal reasons, I was unable to vote on Wednesday, September 30, 2020.

Had I been present, I would have voted: NAY on Roll Call No. 213; NAY on Roll Call No. 212; YEA on Roll Call No. 211; NAY on Roll Call No. 210; and YEA on Roll Call No. 209.

TRIBUTE TO MR. MICHAEL FEINSTEIN

HON. DAVID J. TRONE

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 2020

Mr. TRONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the career of CEO & President of The Bender JCC of Greater Washington, who is stepping down this month.

For nearly 15 years, Michael Feinstein has served as the CEO & President of the Bender JCC of Greater Washington. On Oct 30, 2020, Michael is stepping down as the CEO & President of the Bender JCC of Greater Washington.

Michael's success was grounded in his unwavering dedication and exceptional skill. Prior to becoming the CEO, he served as the Chief Operating Officer of the Center for three years.

However, Michael's life of service did not begin with the Bender JCC. Michael has over

25 years of experience as both a consultant to and leader of entrepreneurial businesses and nonprofit organizations.

As an executive coach he has helped leaders manage change and create a new, more successful future for themselves and their organizations. He has owned and managed businesses in the manufacturing, service, and high-tech industries, and served in a variety of lay leadership roles in community and nonprofit organizations before becoming a Jewish communal professional.

Throughout his career, Michael has led by example as a friendly but resolute face on the Bender JCC rounds and beyond. Time and time again, Michael has established himself as a pivotal figure within the community. His ability and commitment showed every single day through his presence at the corridors of the preschool, the Fitness Center, the indoor and outdoor pools, through his personal attention to the campers and their families, the special attention to the inclusion campers, members, through the multiple fundraising events, and the enormous amount Board Meetings and Committee meetings.

Please join me in thanking Mr. Michael Feinstein for his incredible service to the Bender JCC of Greater Washington and to the Community at large.

RECOGNIZING DR. PETE MOURANI,
ARKANSAS CHILDREN'S RE-
SEARCH INSTITUTE PRESIDENT

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 2020

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize Dr. Pete Mourani, who, after a nationwide search, has been named the fifth president of Arkansas Children's Research Institute and senior vice president and chief research officer. Dr. Mourani also serves as a professor of pediatrics and pediatric critical care in the College of Medicine at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences.

Dr. Mourani previously served as medical director of Children's Hospital Clinical Research Organization and most recently, the medical director of Children's Hospital Colorado Research Institute.

Dr. Mourani was named the Ross and Mary Whipple Family Distinguished Research Scientist Endowed Chair at Arkansas Children's.

I am confident that children and their families will find the best care possible under Dr. Mourani's leadership, and I congratulate him on his new role.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF
WILLIAM E. TABOR, JR.

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 2020

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of the late William E. Tabor Jr., who fought for our country during World War II.

William was born to William E. Tabor, Sr. and Clara Watts Tabor of Lobutcha. After

graduating from Lobutcha High School, William joined the Army and was sent to the Philippine Islands where he was stationed at Clark Field, Manila. When the Japanese attacked Clark Field, William endured a shrapnel wound to the side, which would leave him partially disabled for the remainder of his life.

Even so, William kept fighting and forging forward. When the Army moved to the Bataan Peninsula as one last stand against the Japanese, William was promoted to corporal and would receive the battlefield promotion to Sergeant. Sergeant Tabor would spend three years and five months as a Prisoner of War to the Japanese surviving the infamous Bataan Death March and Malaria.

William was honorably discharged in May of 1946 and was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation with two Oak Leaf Clusters, two Bronze Star Medals, the Philippine Defense Medal, the Prisoner of War Medal, and many other decorations. In April of 2020, as a result of his extraordinary service, he was issued his third Bronze Star Medal.

After the war, William returned to Mississippi where he married Frances Johnson and had four children: the late Charlotte Tabor, William E. Tabor III, Brenda Tabor Hunt, and Mary Martha Tabor.

William's life was one of service, grace, and love for his family and community, and his commitment to our country will never be forgotten.

RECOGNIZING LEROY KREBS 100TH
BIRTHDAY AND HIS YEARS OF
SERVICE TO HIS COUNTRY

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 2020

Mr. PERRY. Madam Speaker, I'm honored to congratulate Leroy Krebs on the occasion of his 100th Birthday, and for his years of service to the American Legion, the Susquehannock High School, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the United States of America.

Mr. Krebs was born on June 17, 1920, in Glen Rock, Pennsylvania. He served in the United States Army Air Corps from December 1, 1942 to February 2, 1946, as a bombardier instructor for B-24 Bombers. He left active service at the rank of First Lieutenant, after earning the American Theater Medal and the World War II Victory Medal. He served with the 2519th Base Unit in Ft Worth, Texas, and remained in the United States Air Force Reserve until he retired as a Lieutenant Colonel upon 38 years of uniformed service.

He graduated from Temple University, and taught and coached basketball at Glen Rock (now Susquehannock) High School. He later became the school principal, and for 14 years worked at the School until retiring in 1978.

In addition to Leroy's military service, teaching, coaching and serving as principal, Leroy was a Master of the Shrewsbury Masonic Lodge and an active member and former commander of Austin Grove Post 455 of the American Legion. Leroy also was a proud member of the Glen Rock Carolers for 35 years.

Today, Leroy lives independently at Normandie Ridge retirement community.

I'm truly honored and humbled to congratulate Mr. Leroy Krebs on turning 100 Years

Young, and for his tireless, selfless, dedicated, and distinguished service to the American Legion, Susquehannock High School, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the United States of America.

CONGRATULATING DR. JOYCE E.
WIPF ON RECEIVING THE
WORTHEN CAREER ACHIEVE-
MENT AWARD

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 2020

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to rise to congratulate Joyce E. Wipf, M.D. on receiving the 2020 Worthen Career Achievement Award, which recognizes her as an outstanding health professions trainee education champion whose lifetime contributions have profoundly advanced and impacted the educational mission of the Veterans Health Administration.

Dr. Wipf is a first-generation college graduate who always wanted to be a teacher. She found ways to integrate her passion for teaching with her career in medicine. While completing her medical residency she began developing the Resident to Teacher curriculum to help second-year residents become better educators. Now, nearly 30 years later, Resident to Teacher programs continue to help residents in hospitals across the country.

Dr. Wipf also led the effort to establish VA Puget Sound's Center of Excellence in Primary Care with the University of Washington School of Medicine and School of Nursing. The Center of Excellence takes an interdisciplinary approach to improving health care services for Veterans by creating a collaborative program that includes a range of fields and experience from internal medicine to social work and interns to fellows.

Veterans who receive their medical care from the VA Puget Sound Health Care System are very lucky to have someone who has dedicated their career to improving health care services for our nation's veterans, while simultaneously preparing the next generation of health professionals. It is truly remarkable that Dr. Wipf has combined her passion for teaching and medicine so effectively.

Madam Speaker, I congratulate Dr. Joyce Wipf on receiving the 2020 Worthen Career Achievement Award and thank her for improving health care for all Veterans.

THE COMPREHENSIVE BREAST
RECONSTRUCTION ACT OF 2020

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 2020

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Comprehensive Breast Reconstruction Act of 2020. This bill would provide breast cancer patients the option to have comprehensive reconstruction, including nipple-areola complex tattooing.

Approximately 275,000 new cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed in the United States this year. As surgical options have improved in