

(AMVETS). NJ AMVETS is a non-profit organization committed to assisting our Veterans. Their organization is currently in the process of establishing a place where Veterans can receive Equine Therapeutic Assistance. These men and women should be recognized for their efforts to better the lives of South Jersey veterans and veteran families. God Bless NJ AMVETS and God Bless America.

IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL
PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS
MONTH

HON. NEAL P. DUNN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 30, 2021

Mr. DUNN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to speak in honor of National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month and in support of the nearly half a million veterans living with prostate cancer in the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) system. Our nation's heroes are diagnosed with prostate cancer at nearly twice the rate of the civilian population, and they deserve the best care our nation has to offer.

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is already a notable leader in prostate cancer care through partnerships with the private sector and the nation's leading prostate cancer researchers and physicians, but improvements are needed—especially when it comes to consistent screening protocols and early diagnosis.

I have introduced the Veterans' Prostate Cancer Research and Treatment Act, which will give the VA the tools to do just that.

Prostate cancer is the number one cancer diagnosed at the VHA and this bill will improve the care our veterans receive every step of the way. Whether it be at an early screening, the difficult moment a veteran receives a prostate cancer diagnosis, during treatment, during recovery, or while receiving end-of-life care, our veterans deserve the best.

16,000 veterans are diagnosed with prostate cancer annually—nearly 43 each day. The most common cancer diagnosed in the VA health system should be met with the most recent clinical data, national expertise, and state-of-the-art technology.

Where a veteran resides should not determine the quality of care they receive. Early screening saves lives and early screening should be the standard of care at every VA.

I encourage my colleagues to join me in supporting veterans with prostate cancer this month by supporting the Veteran's Prostate Cancer Research and Treatment Act.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF COUNCIL
MEMBER EMERITUS LEONARD
PAULITZ

HON. NORMA J. TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 30, 2021

Mrs. TORRES of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituent from the City of Montclair, Council Member Emeritus Leonard Paul Paulitz. It is with more than a heavy heart that I share that Leonard Paul Paulitz passed away on August 24, 2021.

Leonard committed his life to serving his community. Leonard served his country in the U.S. Army after getting drafted for World War II during his senior year of high school. Shortly after earning his degree in accounting at Gannon College in Erie, Pennsylvania on the GI Bill, Leonard met Constance Marie Howard and married her in August, 1954 in Ohio. Leonard, his wife, and his children shortly after moved to Montclair, California in 1960 and into the home where he lived the rest of his life.

Leonard took an active role in local policymaking soon after moving to Montclair. He served on the Planning Commission starting in 1965, and then was elected in 1978 to sit on the City Council. Leonard served humbly for nearly thirty-seven years on the Montclair Council Chamber and is the longest-serving council person in San Bernardino County, from March 1978 to December 2014. During this time, he also served as Mayor Pro Tem for eight years.

Leonard's leadership and vision resulted in countless projects that bettered Montclair and the region, including the expansion of Montclair Plaza before it became Montclair Place, Holt Boulevard, the Montclair Police facility, the Montclair Youth Center, and the Montclair Senior Center. He also served for 12 years on the South Coast Air Quality Management District Governing Board, as Montclair's Representative to Omnitrans, the San Bernardino Association of Governments, and the League of California Cities, among many others.

Leonard's passion for local government and the betterment of his Montclair community is just one reason we will miss Leonard. Along with being dedicated to his public servant role, his love for gardening and tending to his citrus trees led Leonard to start the Montclair Community Garden and Orchard.

Montclair would not be the beautiful community it is now if it wasn't for the 49 years of wise leadership Leonard provided. His service and contributions to Montclair will serve as a model for many generations and will be a good example for future leaders.

Today, Madam Speaker, for his decades of commitment to our community and country in so many ways, we honor Leonard Paul Paulitz and thank him for the legacy he left in the City of Montclair and the greater Inland Empire community. May he rest in Peace.

HONORING COMMAND SERGEANT
MAJOR ANIBAL ALBERTORIO
FOR HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 30, 2021

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, I honor Command Sergeant Major Anibal Albertorio. Command Sergeant Major Albertorio is what he calls 91 years young. He served as a member of the United States Army from 1948 to 1971 as part of the 65th Infantry Regiment, also known as the Borinqueneers. He participated as an infantryman with them during the Korean War and later participated as sky trooper with the 1st Cavalry Division, 7th Cavalry Regiment during the Vietnam War.

During and after his military service, Albertorio received several awards including

the Korean War Bronze Star Medal for Valor, the Vietnam War Bronze Star Medal for Meritorious Service, and the Borinqueneers Congressional Gold Medal, among many others.

Albertorio retired from military service after nearly 23 years and successfully retired from the private sector as well. He calls Central Florida his home since 1990. To date, Command Sergeant Major Albertorio continues to be a spokesperson for the Borinqueneers, carrying the torch for his brothers in arms, and keeping their legacy alive. He also helps to coordinate and create events to pay tribute to other Borinqueneers that have yet to receive a Congressional Gold Medal and participates in informative events to educate future generations of patriots about the U.S. Army's 65th Infantry Regiment.

For this and more, we honor Command Sergeant Major Anibal Albertorio.

TERESA CALLWAY

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 30, 2021

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, on July 14, 2021, Teresa Callaway and her husband David, were traveling eastbound on the Atlantic City side of Route 30, and came across an overturned vehicle. The couple stopped to lend aid, but suddenly, as they were in the process of carrying her to safety, another car entered the path. Tragically, Teresa was struck and killed. Ms. Callaway's last act in this life was to put a stranger's life ahead of her own, and she truly died a Hero. Let us please remember the courage and humanity that Teresa Callaway demonstrated during the last few moments of her life, when no one was watching her actions. God Bless Teresa, David, and their family, and God Bless America.

30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GUADALUPE
DANCE COMPANY'S
FIRST PERFORMANCE

HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 30, 2021

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Madam Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise today in celebration of the Guadalupe Dance Company's 30th anniversary of its first performance on September 15, 1991. The Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center founded the Guadalupe Dance Company in 1991 through a collaboration with the City of San Antonio and the Instituto Cultural de Mexico.

The Guadalupe Dance Company was created to build and promote a professionally-trained Mexican Folkloric Dance Company to represent South Texas, and has grown to be a premier professional dance company in the region.

The Guadalupe Dance Company was brought to life with cultural activists, community leaders and master artists led by then Executive Director Pedro Rodriguez. With dancers from in and around the San Antonio area, the Company debuted its first performance to

a full house for the City-sponsored Grito Ceremony on September 15, 1991 at the Lila Cockrell Theatre.

In 1994, Maestro Rafael Zamarripa was commissioned to create, choreograph and fully stage *Rio Bravo*, an original production telling the story of South Texas through a chronology of dance and music. With a cast of over 25 dancers, musicians and stage and film star Jesse Borrego, *Rio Bravo* helped set the course for the dance company. The Guadalupe Dance Company continues to create original productions as well as its ongoing First Friday events and staple annual productions which include *Historias y Recuerdos*, *Día de los Muertos*, *Alma de Mujer*, *Pastorela Folklorica* and *Celebrando Tradiciones*.

The 30th Anniversary Celebration features the Guadalupe Dance Company and Mariachi Azteca de America. It will commemorate 30 years of dance, success, and evolution with repertoire from various states of Mexico. I am proud to honor the Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center, and its remarkable impact on San Antonio, and I look forward for many performances to come.

HONORING ANGELITA SEDA FOR
HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 30, 2021

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, I honor Angelita Seda. Angelita was born in Brooklyn, New York to Puerto Rican parents. She began her career as a home health aide at a senior care center where she developed a passion for healthcare. After earning her nursing degree, she pursued higher education at Northern Essex Community College in Lawrence, Massachusetts, where she received degrees in medical assistance and billing.

Angelita loves her family. She has four daughters and one grandson. Her biggest asset is her tenacious attitude and willingness to keep trying to help people in need. Throughout her career, she has seen many people in need of quality healthcare, which has led her to develop a work ethic based on empathy for her patients.

As a senior licensed practical nurse at the Florida Department of Health in Osceola County, her responsibilities include school health and ensuring students remain healthy. Angelita has worked to provide back-to-school vaccinations and health screenings for school-aged children. She continues to play an important role in COVID-19 testing and vaccinations at the health department.

For this and more, we honor Angelita Seda.

DANIEL MILLAR, EAGLE SCOUT

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 30, 2021

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Daniel Millar for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. Daniel graduated from Ocean City High School and currently attends

Rowan University majoring in electrical and computer engineering. While in high school, Daniel participated on his school's crew team all four years, and also was a member of the National Honor Society and Latin club. For his Eagle Scout project, Daniel put together a public book library exchange located at the entrance of Seaspray Beach in Ocean City. He worked with the local mayor's office and the Ocean City Public Library to help this come to fruition. Daniel thought of the idea because he worked as an Ocean City Patrol life-guard and thought that people going to the beach would enjoy having the opportunity to read a book by the water. Daniel's innovation will help him go on to accomplish anything he sets his mind to. God Bless Daniel and God Bless America.

REMEMBERING FIRE CHIEF
WILLIAM F. GODDARD III

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 30, 2021

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a Maryland hero and my dear friend, Chief William 'Bill' Goddard III of Huntingtown, Maryland, who passed away September 1. I was fortunate to meet Bill many years ago, when he was serving as Deputy Chief at the Prince George's County Fire Department, and it was a privilege to watch him take on so many roles in public service over the years and to work closely with him on matters critical to the safety of Fifth District residents and all Marylanders.

He began his life of contribution at the age of seventeen, serving in the Navy during the Vietnam War. After returning home, Bill became a volunteer firefighter at the Glen Dale Fire Association. From there, he moved on to the Prince George's County Fire Department, where he rose to the rank of Deputy Chief before leaving to serve the people of Maryland as Executive Officer for the State Fire Marshal. In the years that followed, he held various positions in our state government, from Deputy Secretary of State, to Director of the Governor's Board of Public Works, to Chief of Staff at the Maryland Department of Transportation. As we continue to mark the twentieth anniversary of 9/11, I would be remiss not to acknowledge Bill's key role as a state safety official on that fateful day and in the months that followed, providing guidance and expertise on preventing terrorism and ensuring public safety.

Bill had wanted to be a firefighter since he was fourteen years old, and his commitment to the job and the responsibilities it held never wavered. He said the saddest day of his life was when he retired from the fire service, and he didn't stay away long. When he got the call to serve again in 2009, Bill donned his uniform once more as Fire Chief and Emergency Manager for Howard County. In 2018, after retiring once more, he accepted an appointment as the City Administrator for Laurel, Maryland, returning again to public service.

In each of his roles, Bill was a tireless advocate for others. Wherever there was need, he never hesitated to give of himself and encourage others to do the same. He was a true public servant in every sense of the term, and an irreplaceable community leader.

More than that, Bill was a loving husband and father, and he was a cherished friend to me and so many others. All of us who served Marylanders alongside him and who knew him well share our deepest condolences with his beloved wife Marie, with his children—Kellie, Jordyn, Emily, and Stephen—and with his stepdaughter Brandi. We are grateful that they shared Bill with us all those years. Marie was truly a partner to Bill in public service, and she continues to give so much of her time and energy to their community.

I am grateful to have known and worked with Bill, and I hope that all of my colleagues will join me in paying tribute to his life and legacy. Keeping him in my thoughts, I will continue to fight for the health and safety of firefighters in Maryland and across our country, on whose behalf he advocated so tirelessly and effectively.

IN MEMORY OF ALEX ODEH

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 30, 2021

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, today I rise to remember October 11th the day that Alex Odeh was assassinated 36 years ago. This somber anniversary is a stark reminder that his killers have still not yet been brought to justice. In fact, not a single suspect has been named. The pipe bomb that killed Mr. Odeh as he opened the door to the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee's Santa Ana office that morning took his life and left a wife without a husband, three daughters without a father.

Alex Odeh was a Palestinian-American activist and civil rights icon who served as the West Coast regional director for the ADC. He worked to erode pervasive stereotypes against Arabs in the media and stood for the human rights of all. The lack of progress in the investigation into his death is, at the very least, disturbing. For 36 years, the Department of Justice and FBI have been ignoring what they themselves deemed an act of domestic terrorism. Just a year after Mr. Odeh's assassination, Rev. Jesse Jackson stood up and criticized the FBI's investigation, and that criticism has only become more prophetic.

In 2013, 28 years after the bombing that took Alex Odeh's life, Ben Jealous, then the President of the NAACP, wrote an op-ed in which he compared Mr. Odeh to the civil rights icon Medgar Evers, highlighting "each man's commitment to building bridges beyond his community". He wrote that Mr. Odeh's "life and work shared strong parallels with Medgar Evers, as did his untimely and tragic death. Unlike Medgar Evers, however, the name Alex Odeh remains unrecognizable for too many Americans, and his murder remains unresolved."

Today, I am introducing a resolution to remember the life and work of Alex Odeh and to call for justice to be served. I ask my colleagues to join me in my call.