

traumatic to the joint. This successful BEAR Surgery paves the way for improved outcomes, as it is expected to decrease the risk of re-injury and injuries to the opposite knee, feelings of post-recovery abnormality, and arthritis caused by the ACL injury.

In Central New York, Dr. Marc Pietropaoli and the Victory Sports Medicine are on the cutting edge of orthopedic procedures. The successful BEAR procedure is among a long list of achievements this team has had and represents a new era of repairing ACL tears.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in recognizing Dr. Marc Pietropaoli and the Victory Sports Medicine team for performing the first fully FDA approved BEAR Surgery in the United States.

IN HONOR OF JEFF AZZOPARDI

### HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 23, 2021*

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor South San Francisco Police Chief Jeff Azzopardi on the occasion of his retirement. After almost 30 years of service with the department, Chief Azzopardi has decided that it is time for a new chapter in his life that will allow him to spend more time with his family.

I had the great honor to work with Chief Azzopardi since he was appointed in 2014. One of the more memorable occasions was a press conference in 2017 in which we announced the first-ever conviction for human trafficking in San Mateo County. That success reflected the outstanding collaboration of law enforcement, elected officials, and nonprofit organizations on the local, state, and federal level. Chief Azzopardi played an essential role in that collaboration.

Jeff Azzopardi was hired as a police recruit for the South San Francisco Police Department and sworn in as an officer in 1993. From there he rose through the ranks of K-9 officer, S.W.A.T. officer, school community liaison officer, police corporal, criminal investigations bureau officer, police sergeant, community relations sergeant, police lieutenant, criminal investigations bureau commander, and police captain. After the retirement of former Chief Mike Massoni in 2014, the department conducted a nationwide search and selected Jeff Azzopardi as its new chief in September of that year. No matter the role, Jeff is dedicated to the safety and well-being of our community. He leads by example and always strives for excellence.

During his time with the department, he successfully completed the Inner Perspectives Leadership Program, LAPD Leadership Program, and POST Executive Development course. He holds a number of certifications from the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training. He also is the former president of the San Mateo County Commanders Group, the president of the San Mateo County Police Chief's and Sheriffs Association, and the Chief of the North Central Regional S.W.A.T. Team and Commissioner for the South San Francisco Commission on Racial and Social Equity. Chief Azzopardi understands the importance of community relations and has been a leader on several community oriented policing projects. He tirelessly

emphasized the importance of building bridges between his department and our community.

His outstanding service did not go unnoticed. He received numerous awards and honors, including a certificate of commendation from the police department for his work as a sexual assault investigator, a certificate of commendation from the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, a lifetime achievement award from the South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, the Carl Valero Lifetime Achievement Award from Pacifica American Little League, and Police Officer of the Year from the San Mateo County Trial Lawyers Association.

Born in San Francisco, Jeff attended Terra Nova High School in Pacifica and then received his Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration from Chico State University and his Master's Degree in Public Administration from Notre Dame de Namur University.

As South San Francisco's Top Cop is leaving his post, he is looking forward to spending more time with his wife of 21 years, Nikole, and their sons Nate and Drew.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join with me to thank Chief Azzopardi for keeping South San Francisco one of the safest and most innovative cities in the Bay Area. His exemplary leadership has earned him the respect and adoration of his colleagues and South City residents. His contributions over the last three decades will outlast his service.

RECOGNIZING CHAIRMAN CURTIS W. CRANDALL ON HIS RETIREMENT

### HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 23, 2021*

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize Curtis W. Crandall, Chairman, on his retirement from the Allegany County Legislature.

Chairman Crandall was appointed to the Legislature on March 13, 2000 to replace Alton Saylor. His service continued for nearly twenty-two years, sixteen of which were as Chairman. He was Majority Leader for one year, in 2005, before obtaining the Chairmanship. In his years of dedication to Allegany County, Chairman Crandall was a member of every committee, acting in various leadership roles including Chair of the Special Budget Committee in 2016 and 2017.

Chairman Crandall has been active on Advisory Boards throughout his tenure as well. Over the years, he served on the Citizens Advisory Council to the Office for the Aging from February 2003 to January 2006, Public Safety Building Planning Committee from January to December 2005, Court Facilities Financial Impact Ad Hoc Committee from November through December 2008, Comprehensive Plan Implementation Group from October 2008 through December 2009, and continues longstanding terms of service on the Broadband Task Force, Crossroads Development Advisory Committee, and Radio Communications Task Force. Additionally, Chairman Crandall has been the ex-officio member of the Southern Tier West Regional Planning & Economic Development Board since January of 2006.

Chairman Crandall worked tirelessly for his constituents, and we are thankful for his efforts in reducing the county property tax rate for many consecutive years. Chairman Crandall's commitment to his community goes above and beyond as shown through his volunteer work with the Lions Club, Boy Scouts of America, and Farm Bureau, just to name a few.

As a successful entrepreneur and businessman of over forty years, a loyal member of the Legislature, faithful volunteer and a loving husband, father and grandfather, we applaud his valued leadership and dedicated service as he moves forward in the next chapter of his life.

Given the above, I ask that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations and join me in recognizing Allegany County Legislative Chairman, Curtis W. Crandall, on his longstanding service and retirement. Congratulations on this tremendous milestone.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF MARYAM ANSARI MEHRAN

### HON. MARK DESAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 23, 2021*

Mr. DESAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of Maryam Ansari Mehran.

Maryam Ansari Mehran was born in Tehran, Iran in 1922 to Monavar and General Mahmoud Ansari. Maryam graduated from the American College in Tehran and shortly after married Masud Mehran. The couple then decided to come to the United States in pursuit of new opportunities. Maryam and Masud arrived in New York City in 1943 and later moved to California.

Maryam's entrepreneurial spirit was evident to all who knew her. In 1951, Maryam and Masud founded Sunset Development Company. The company was responsible for the development of more than one third of homes in Livermore, California. Maryam was also very interested in design. She graduated from the Rudolph Schaeffer School of Design and went on to start a custom clothing business.

In her personal life, Maryam was also deeply passionate about her community. She was a strong supporter of the Contra Costa Food Bank, helping those in need. Her love for her family was also clear. She enjoyed tending her garden for her family to enjoy.

Sadly, Maryam passed away in November of this year. Maryam is survived by her son Alex, her granddaughters Diana, Lacey and Annabel, her grandsons Mark, Rawley and Alexander and eleven great grandchildren. She was a cherished member of our community and will be remembered for her intelligence, compassion, and perseverance. Please join me in honoring Maryam for her many contributions to our community.

RECOGNIZING MR. SCOTT BOHN

### HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 23, 2021*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition and appreciate of Mr.

Scott Bohn upon his completion of the Brookings Institution's LEGIS Fellowship program. During the 2021 calendar year, Mr. Bohn served as my U.S. State Department fellow and quickly became an integral part of my legislative staff.

His working knowledge as a State Department employee and veteran informed my work as Chairman of the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Readiness and as a member of the Subcommittee on Strategic Forces. Over this past year, he worked closely with my personal office staff and other Congressional offices on a variety of critical issues. He helped to reconstitute my Congressional Nuclear Weapons and Arms Control Working Group, which focuses on nuclear arms control, risk reduction, and nonproliferation. He also worked to advance my bipartisan "Peace Corps Reauthorization Act," which the House Foreign Affairs Committee reported favorably in September 2021.

Mr. Bohn graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with a Bachelor of Philosophy in politics and philosophy, and from Georgetown University with a Master of Arts in Russian and East European studies.

A career employee at the U.S. Department of State, Mr. Bohn most recently led the overseas security advisory council's global threat warning team, responsible for monitoring, analyzing, and sharing time-sensitive security information relevant to U.S. private sector operations overseas. Previously, Mr. Bohn served in the Office of Intelligence and Threat Analysis as an analyst evaluating threats to U.S. interests in Europe and Eurasia. In addition, he performed a rotational tour in the Department's Office of Russian Affairs, where he worked to advance U.S. bilateral policy interests with Russia.

Mr. Bohn is also a Foreign Area Officer in the Air Force Reserve, currently assigned to the U.S. Air Forces in Europe Headquarters. Previous assignments included tours at the Pentagon, Defense Intelligence Agency, Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Intelligence, and National Security Agency. Mr. Bohn and his wife, Megan, have two daughters: Isabel and Olivia. His family continues to support him and his service to our nation, and we thank them for it.

While Mr. Bohn will be deeply missed after an exceptional year of service, he will no doubt be successful in his new role in the Office of Verification, Planning, and Outreach at the State Department's Bureau of Arms Control, Verification, and Compliance. Despite his departure, he will remain a deeply valued member of Team Garamendi.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the people of California's Third Congressional district and a grateful nation, I extend our deepest appreciation to Mr. Scott Bohn for his dedicated service.

HONORING THE LIFE OF PERRY  
MASTROCOLA

**HON. JOHN KATKO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 23, 2021*

Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the life of Perry Mastrocola, a dedicated public servant, a gift-

ed attorney and educator, and a devoted and loving husband and father who passed away in early October.

Perry served our nation for more than 27 years as both a Federal Special Agent and a Federal Prosecutor. During his distinguished career, Perry served as a special agent with the IRS Criminal Investigation division and later in supervisory roles in IRS offices in Cleveland and Charlotte. Perry had extensive experience investigating criminal tax offenses, money laundering violations, health care fraud, bank secrecy act matters, and other complex financial crimes. He retired as the Special Agent in Charge of the IRS office in Charlotte.

Following his service in the Federal Government, Perry worked as a Senior Investigator and Analyst for U.S. Bank's Investigation and Enhanced Due Diligence departments. There, he was responsible for leading sophisticated internal bank investigations and preparing recommendations in cases involving fraud or other unusual circumstances. He later joined Flannery Georgalis, a leading litigation firm in Charlotte, as a Partner.

Perry was multi-lingual and because of his unique and dynamic language capabilities, he worked with Italian and Mexican authorities on many important money laundering investigations. He also taught Anti-Money Laundering classes to Mexican law enforcement officers and was a keynote speaker in numerous Anti-Money Laundering and Bank Secrecy seminars for finance and law enforcement representatives around the country. Perry also taught undergraduate law classes at his undergraduate alma mater, Baldwin-Wallace University, for 14 years.

Perry was a huge Ohio football fan, actively supporting a variety of teams from the Baldwin-Wallace Yellow Jackets to the Cleveland Browns. And he spent countless hours coaching sports teams for his sons, Vincent and Gabriel—because what mattered most to Perry was his family and especially his loving wife of 27 years, Kelly.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in remembering Perry Mastrocola, honoring his many years of service to our country, and keeping both he and his family in our thoughts and prayers.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF GIRL  
NAMED TOM WINNING THE VOICE

**HON. ROBERT E. LATTA**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 23, 2021*

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is with a great deal of pride that I rise to pay a very special tribute to an outstanding musical trio who won NBC's *The Voice*. Girl Named Tom has overcome many challenges and intense competition on their path to becoming the champions. Natives of Pettisville, Ohio, Caleb, Bekah, and Joshua Liechty have represented their hometown and Ohio's Fifth Congressional District on a national stage and brought pride to Northwest Ohio. This trio exemplifies American values of family, community, and hard work.

Caleb, Bekah, and Joshua were raised in Pettisville. They were originally homeschooled, and music became a substantial part of their curriculum. All three siblings were enrolled in

piano at a young age, and they became involved in theater once they started at Pettisville Schools. The entire trio had plans to go to medical school and follow in their grandfather's footsteps, but all of that changed when their father was diagnosed with a rare cancer in 2017. The siblings decided to form a band and pursue a career in music.

After a successful season on *The Voice*, Girl Named Tom was honored with the distinction of being the first group to ever win the competition and the recording contract. Caleb, Bekah, and Joshua hope to keep pursuing their dream and release new music in 2022. As for now, they plan on celebrating their success and spending time with their father.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to Caleb, Bekah, and Joshua Liechty of Girl Named Tom for their momentous win. On behalf of the Fifth District of Ohio, I am proud to recognize this great achievement and wish Girl Named Tom the best in all their future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF  
ERIE COUNTY SHERIFF TIMOTHY  
B. HOWARD

**HON. CHRIS JACOBS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 23, 2021*

Mr. JACOBS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Erie County Sheriff Timothy B. Howard for a long and dedicated career in law enforcement and public service.

Sheriff Howard's career has spanned over four decades, including 24 years with the New York State Police, where he reached the rank of Staff Inspector, the fourth highest rank in an agency comprised of over 4,000 employees. In 1998, Sheriff Howard was appointed Erie County Undersheriff, and served in that role until he became Sheriff on January 1, 2005 due to the resignation of the previous Erie County Sheriff. Sheriff Howard was elected for his first full four-year term in 2005, and was re-elected in 2009, 2013, and 2017. Sheriff Howard is also the longest-serving Erie County Sheriff since 1821, when the post was established—a testament to his dedication to serving Erie County, and the positive impact he has had on the county. Sheriff Howard also currently serves as the co-chair of Homeland Security Zone 15.

Sheriff Howard is a true law and order Sheriff, and he has demonstrated his heroism and commitment to his community throughout his career. Among Sheriff Howard's many notable awards, he has received the Superintendent's Unit Citation Award, the Hero's Award of the 100 Club of Buffalo, the Erie County Law Enforcement Award, the Judges and Police Conference Outstanding Law Enforcement Award, the Attorney General's Award, and the Brummer Award, which is highest award given in the New York State Police. Sheriff Howard has also received a New York State Legislative Proclamation in honor of his work.

Sheriff Howard graduated from the FBI National Academy in 2000 and has a master's degree in Criminal Justice from SUNY Albany. In addition to his tireless work protecting the community, Sheriff Howard has prioritized educating the next generation of law enforcement officers—teaching at both the New York