

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF ROD
SLYHOFF, PRESIDENT/CEO,
PUEBLO CHAMBER OF COM-
MERCE

HON. LAUREN BOEBERT

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 19, 2021

Mrs. BOEBERT. Madam Speaker, on Monday, March 1, 2021, the city of Pueblo lost a community leader and business champion with the passing of Rod Slyhoff. Mr. Slyhoff started at the Chamber in 1988 and served as an account representative, membership director, Vice President of Membership and Small Business Development, and later became President/CEO in 1994.

As one of the city's best advocates and greatest boosters, he oversaw a period of growth for the Chamber with membership expanding from 800 to more than 1,300 members.

Mr. Slyhoff's accomplishments were remarkable, and he led the Pueblo Chamber to become a model for others across the West. He helped strengthen Pueblo's relationship with one of its sister cities—Chihuahua, Mexico—by developing trade exchanges of business and tourism. He also advanced Pueblo's business agenda at the State Capitol and offered solutions for improving the workforce to the National Education Trust Conferences.

Always an advocate for others, Rod increased the Chamber's involvement with the El Pomar Foundation and the Black, Latino and Asian Emerging Leadership programs. He also served as President of the Colorado Chamber of Commerce Executives, a member of the United Way of Pueblo board, and chairman of the Southern Colorado Business Partnership.

Mr. Slyhoff was recognized for his heartfelt service to the community, and he was awarded the United Way Ambassador Award for Excellence, the Southern Colorado Press Club Mel Harmon Community Award, and the Colorado State University-Pueblo President's Medallion for Distinguished Service.

Rod Slyhoff encouraged local engagement, facilitated cultural development, and spread joy throughout the community by founding the Pueblo Chile & Frijoles Festival in 1994 which has brought as many as 150,000 people to Pueblo annually. Because of Rod, the "Pueblo Chile" is known throughout the world, and his legacy will endure through the Festival every year.

Mr. Slyhoff had a quick wit, was kind to everyone, and was beloved by his community. He was quick to give a listening ear and offer gentle advice. I want to take this opportunity to celebrate his life and legacy and to offer my deepest sympathies to his wife Alice, daughters Katrina and Marcy, and the rest of Rod's family and friends. May they find comfort in the words of Scripture, "the Lord is close to the brokenhearted." God bless the memory of Rod Slyhoff.

RECOGNITION OF STEVEN
GAUTSCH

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 19, 2021

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Steven Gautsch on winning the Silver Key and an Honorable Mention Award at the 2021 Central PA Scholastic Art and Writing Competition.

Steven attends Bermudian Springs High School near York Springs, Pennsylvania and is passionate about art. His photography has garnered him two awards at the 2021 Central PA Scholastic Art and Writing Competition, which was first established in 1923 to support teenage artists and writers.

Congratulations to Steven on this remarkable achievement, and I wish him continued success as he pursues his love of art.

HONORING MATT CONSTANTINE'S
RETIREMENT AS DIRECTOR OF
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES IN
KERN COUNTY

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 19, 2021

Mr. MCCARTHY. Madam Speaker, I rise today, along with my colleague DAVID G. VALADAO, to honor Matthew Constantine for his nearly three decades of public service to our community. After dedicating 27 years of his life to government service, and protecting the health and safety of the people of Kern County, an area that I represent, Matt is concluding his tenure this month as the Director of Kern County Public Health Services Department for Kern County, a position he has held since 2009.

Matt was born and raised in Bakersfield, California and earned both his bachelor's and graduate degree from California State University, Northridge. His family has had roots in Bakersfield for five generations, and he has worked at various levels of government, including with the Federal Indian Health Service and the State of California. In 2006, he was hired as Kern County's Director of Environmental Services. In 2009, Matt spearheaded the merger between two different departments and became the Director of Public Health Services for the county.

Matt had already informed the Kern County Board of Supervisors of his intent to retire as the Director of Public Health Services when the Coronavirus pandemic hit. But instead of retiring, Matt stayed on to serve our community and began crafting a plan to reduce patient caseloads at local hospitals and keep the people of Kern County healthy and safe. During his time with the Department of Public Health Services, Matt always displayed leadership, especially over the course of this stressful past year, by balancing local needs with state mandates while never shying away from making tough decisions. Despite many early days and long nights, Matt's work ethic has been critical for our local response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This was exemplified by the routine COVID-19 updates he gave to the

residents of the county over the last 12 months, and despite the State of California's constantly changing guidance for residents and public health officials, Matt always had one goal in mind—to create and execute a plan to combat the transmission of the virus in our community and keep mortality rates in Kern County down until a vaccine was able to be offered to every resident who wanted one.

Matt is more than just the leader of our local public health response; he is an active member of the Kern County community. He serves on the board of the Greater Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce and the Kern County Network for Children, where his vision and expertise have been influential in making decisions and impacting others.

I always appreciated Matt's insight and wisdom on the public health matters affecting our community, and although we are going to miss Matt, I am confident that his record of success will continue to benefit our county for years to come. On behalf of the people of the 23rd Congressional District of California, and the people of Kern County as a whole, I want to thank Matt for his service to our community, and I wish him only the best as he embarks on the next chapter in his life.

CONDEMNING MILITARY COUP IN
BURMA

SPEECH OF

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 18, 2021

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H. Res. 134, Condemning the military coup that took place on February 1, 2021, in Burma and the Burmese military detention of civilian leaders, calling for the release of all those detained and for those elected to serve in Parliament to resume their duties, and for other purposes. I'm proud to be an original co-sponsor of this important resolution.

On February 1st the Burmese military shocked the world when it launched a coup against the democratically elected government of State Councilor Aung San Suu Kyi, declared a national state of emergency, and arrested civilian members of the government.

Since the coup, chaos has gripped the country. The military shut down the internet and imposed martial law. The Burmese people, insistent that their country continue down the path toward democracy, have taken to the streets to protest the military's actions, and the military has responded by killing at least 200 civilians, including more than 60 on Sunday, March 14th, and arresting thousands.

As the oldest democracy in the world, the United States must clearly and unequivocally condemn the Burmese military's brutal and authoritarian crackdown and violence against its own people. Burma has made significant progress in transitioning toward democracy in recent years, and it is heartbreaking to see this progress squandered in the blink of an eye.

I echo President Biden's call for the Burmese military to immediately relinquish power, release detained officials, and refrain from using violence against peaceful protesters. I also support President Biden's decision to impose sanctions on military leaders in Burma

and freeze \$1 billion of their assets that are held in the U.S., denying them access to these funds.

This resolution not only condemns the Burmese military, it sends a powerful message that the House of Representatives, the people's house in the United States Congress, stands firmly behind the courageous people of Burma as they struggle to wrest democracy and freedom from the hands of their authoritarian and corrupt military.

I'm proud to support this resolution and I urge my colleagues to do the same.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF
PETER COLE BEING NAMED THE
OHIO PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 19, 2021

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Peter Cole, Principal of Carey Junior High and High School, for being named the Ohio Principal of the Year by the Ohio Association of Secondary School Administrators (OASSA). Mr. Cole, who is a former President of the Board of Directors for the OASSA, is characterized by fellow principals as a leader who sees himself as a servant, not only for Carey schools, but a vast number of school districts as well.

Peter Cole graduated from Carey High School in 1993. He received his bachelor's degree in music and a Master of Education in Administration and Supervision from Bowling Green State University. Principal Cole went on to receive his Superintendent's License from the University of Findlay and Ashland University. Before becoming principal at Carey in 2007, he was band director at Hopewell-Loudon and Oak Harbor schools.

During his time as an educator, Principal Cole has strived to think outside the box and create an environment for students to succeed. He promotes new ideas, rather than always relying on traditional methods to educate his students. Principal Cole uses the term "servant leader" to describe his position at the school because he feels his role is to serve the students. He focuses on ensuring all of his students are having a good experience during their time at Carey schools. Principal Cole's contribution to Carey Junior High and High School is seen in every action that he takes for his school. His dedication is an example for all of Ohio's educational leaders.

Congratulations to Principal Peter Cole, on being named the Ohio Principal of the Year.

IN RECOGNITION OF ELLA BLOOM

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 19, 2021

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ella Bloom on winning the Gold Key Award at the 2021 Central PA Scholastic Art and Writing Competition.

Ella attends Bermudian Springs High School near York Springs, Pennsylvania and is passionate about art. Her drawing and illustration

of a French Horn garnered her the top award at the 2021 Central PA Scholastic Art and Writing Competition, which was first established in 1923 to support teenage artists and writers.

Congratulations to Ella on this remarkable achievement, and I wish her continued success as she pursues her love of art.

HONORING DR. MARGARET C.
"PEG" SNYDER

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 19, 2021

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, I rise to acknowledge and memorialize the legacy of Dr. Margaret C. Snyder, referred to as the "United Nations' First Feminist", who died on January 26, 2021 at the age of 91. I share my sincere condolences and prayers with her family, including her brother, Thomas Snyder.

Dr. Snyder, who went by "Peg", was a trailblazer whose passion and determination to empower women transformed the U.N.'s mechanisms of global development aid to include millions of women in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Dr. Snyder also worked to support women at the UN to move beyond being restricted to secretarial roles to rise to join the professional ranks within the organization.

Dr. Margaret Cecilia Snyder was born the youngest of three children on January 30, 1929, in East Syracuse, New York. Her father, Matthias, was a doctor, and her mother, Cecilia (Gorman) Snyder, taught Latin and German in a local high school. Peg graduated from the College of New Rochelle in Westchester County, New York in 1950. Two years later she received a master's degree in sociology from the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

While working as the Dean of Women at Le Moyne College, in Syracuse, she followed John F. Kennedy's call for young Americans to volunteer overseas by taking a one year sabbatical to work with volunteer organizations in Tanganyika (which merged with Zanzibar to become Tanzania in 1964) and Uganda. Among other tasks, she arranged for African students to attend college in the United States—part of an effort known as "Kennedy airlifts."

When her year ended, she quit her job at Le Moyne and stayed in Africa, but she moved home in 1965 to help run the East African Studies program at Syracuse University. She advised students from the region on their graduate work, many of whom went on to hold leadership positions in their countries—the first threads of her continentwide network of partners. In 1970, she returned to Tanzania to complete her Ph.D. in sociology at the University of Dar es Salaam, having started pursuing her degree in 1964.

Upon graduation in 1971, Peg joined the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) as a co-founder of what became the African Training and Research Center for Women—the UN's first major program directed specifically at improving economic opportunities for women.

In 1978, she moved to New York City, where she was put in charge of a development fund focused on women, funded by vol-

untary contributions from member states. She built the organization (renamed the U.N. Development Fund for Women or UNIFEM) from operating on a shoestring budget to a global powerhouse that served women not just in Africa but across the developing world. By the end of the 1980s, it had supported the creation of women's development commissions in 30 countries, through which the U.N. channeled millions of dollars to grassroots women's projects. It is now known as U.N. Women.

One of her first grants went to Kenya's Green Belt Movement, an anti-deforestation initiative led by the late 2004 Nobel Laureate for Peace and eventual close friend Wangari Maathai.

After retiring from the United Nations in 1989, Dr. Snyder was a Fulbright Scholar in Uganda and a Visiting Fellow at the School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University. She also wrote or co-wrote three books on women's economic development in Africa.

Peg continued to serve as an informal adviser to the U.N. and advocate for a long list of women activists and organizations, many of whom she hosted at her apartment in New York City. It was there, in 2006, that she helped organize the Sirleaf Market Women's Fund, a program to rebuild markets across post-civil war Liberia, named for Liberia and Africa's first female President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf.

Dr. Peg Snyder's legacy continues to bear fruit. In 2021, women make up a significant portion of the U.N. professional staff, and women's issues, including development, remain one of the organization's focal points. In her tribute to Dr. Snyder, Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, the Executive Director of UN Women, assured the continuation of Peg Snyder's legacy for generations to come: "Her passing comes at a point where the importance of bringing women's voices and skills to the forefront has never been more important for the world's ability to move ahead resiliently and creatively. We thank her, honour her countless contributions to women across the world, and take forward her legacy."

We in the United States Congress commemorate Dr. Snyder's work and legacy, and stand ready to help carry on her work to help women everywhere claim their rights and lift up themselves, their communities and nations.

HONORING THE LIFE OF NORBERT
"BUD" FAY

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 19, 2021

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to observe and mourn the passing of a talented businessman, veteran, husband, father, and a patriotic Nutmegger through and through—Norbert "Bud" Fay, of Groton, Connecticut. A pillar of southeastern CT, Bud passed away at the age of 94 at his residence on January 9, 2021.

While Bud has moved on—we now cherish his life and the positive impact he had on the lives of others and his hometown of Groton. Born in 1927, Bud was civic minded early in life and was always willing to lend a hand to anyone in need. Bud's commitment to his