

IN RECOGNITION OF JOSEPH R. SIVEWRIGHT'S RETIREMENT FROM NESTLÉ PURINA PETCARE COMPANY

HON. ANN WAGNER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 26, 2021

Mrs. WAGNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the incredible work and service of Joseph Sivewright. On July 30, 2021, he will officially retire as the Nestlé Purina Chairman after over 30 years of outstanding leadership.

Since joining Nestlé Purina in 1985, Mr. Sivewright has held various positions throughout the company as he proved himself to be a treasured employee. Prior to his role as Chairman, he was appointed as the company's President & Chief Operating Officer and was then named President and Chief Executive Officer.

His dedicated leadership has not gone unnoticed. In 2016, just one year after he took the reins as Chief Executive Officer, he was named one of the country's most popular CEOs. It comes as no surprise that Nestlé Purina received numerous accolades from both St. Louis organizations and national organizations while under his direction.

I want to personally thank Joe for his many years of friendship, as well as his desire to ensure Nestlé Purina is a strong community partner. His distinguished career and tremendous leadership are celebrated by our St. Louis community. I personally appreciate the impact his work ethic and constant drive to improve the lives of those around had on his employees. As a former Purina employee myself when I was just out of college, I know how important it is to have a smart and driven leader at the helm to set the tone for the rest of us and help us achieve even greater heights. Joe had a tremendous impact not only on all of those with whom he worked throughout his many years at Purina, but also on those he worked with outside of work as a dedicated member of our St. Louis community. We all appreciate everything he has done so far and look forward to seeing what else he will accomplish in the coming years.

JULY VETERAN OF THE MONTH

HON. KEVIN HERN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 26, 2021

Mr. HERN. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the First District of Oklahoma's July Veteran of the Month, Michael Bell.

Michael Bell served our country in the United States Air Force for over twenty years. He worked in Security Forces and retired as a Master Sergeant. Throughout his service, he was deployed to several military bases around the United States and overseas. Upon retirement, Mr. Bell continued to serve and protect his community as a member of law enforcement. Michael truly has a heart for serving others.

As a member of law enforcement, Michael goes above and beyond to serve his community. He was involved with Atlas Public

School's Red Ribbon Week program and taught their D.A.R.E. program. He served as chairman of the Jackson County Tobacco Education Committee and President of the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 120. Michael currently serves as Chief of Police in Coweta, OK. He was recently recognized for saving the life of a fellow veteran who was suffering from PTSD and contemplating suicide. He is a life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion along with several law enforcement organizations. Michael, through his compassion for others, has touched so many lives in our community and across the globe.

He answered the call to defend freedom and sacrificed whatever was necessary in the name of that noble cause. It is my honor to recognize Michael Bell as the 1st Congressional District of Oklahoma's July Veteran of the Month.

AVERTING LOSS OF LIFE AND INJURY BY EXPEDITING SIVS ACT OF 2021

SPEECH OF

HON. JENNIFFER GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN

OF PUERTO RICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2021

Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 3985, the bipartisan Afghan ALLIES Act, and to speak on the imminent threat facing Afghan translators and their families.

These translators played a critical role in serving the United States and helped ensure the safety and success of our troops abroad. Yet today our allies—and their families—are being hunted down and killed by the Taliban as it retakes Afghanistan. When our country goes to war with its allies, we make a decision to bring everyone home, and it is time to bring our allies home, Mr. Speaker.

While I welcome President Biden's recent efforts, notably the initiation of Operation Allies Refuge and the announcement this week that military bases in Virginia and elsewhere will be used to temporarily house evacuating translators and their families, I remain concerned.

First: I am concerned by the Administration considering temporarily housing evacuees in other countries, some of which cannot guarantee translators safety. We should not be shifting the burden of our responsibility to others, especially when so many communities around the United States stand ready to welcome these heroes with open arms.

Second, I am concerned at the daunting task the State Department now faces. This task is exacerbated in no small part by the rushed withdrawal timeline set by the administration. There are thousands of individuals awaiting a safe home—a home that has been promised to them by our commonly held values and through legislation dating back to the early days of the War on Terror, legislation we now seek to amend.

H.R. 3985 is designed to meet this moment. This bill increases the number of visas by 8,000 to ensure an adequate number of visas are eligible for applicants currently in the pipeline. The bill would also remove redundant paperwork while still ensuring applicants go through the necessary, strict background checks, and national security vetting. Finally,

the ALLIES Act extends and strengthens protections for surviving spouses and children of deceased SIV applicants.

Time is running out for our allies. We must pass this life-saving legislation before it is too late. I encourage our colleagues in the Senate to vote on this important legislation.

HONORING PATTEE COLVIN AS A 28TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 26, 2021

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our nation's women. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my Congressional District. I would like to recognize a remarkable woman, Pattee Colvin in the Sunland neighborhood area of Los Angeles, California.

Pattee is the founder of Making It Happen, a food and clothing pantry in Sunland whose mission is to help those in need.

Ms. Colvin's motivation for founding Making It Happen is truly inspiring. Pattee worked for a local business for many years, but in 1999, when she became disabled, she lost her job and home. For several years, Pattee lived outdoors in the rugged Sunland-Tujunga "wash" while also maintaining a job at a local answering service company. As a member of the Chapel of the Hills Church in Sunland since 2002 who lived off the food provided from the church's hot meal program, in 2007, Pattee's life truly turned around, in large part due to the church. She enrolled in the church's Christian Sobriety Program, a program that she subsequently ran for several years and found new employment at Suzuki Insurance Company, a local business where she currently works. Homeless for many years, Pattee bought her own mobile home in Sunland in 2015.

In 2013, Ms. Colvin created Making It Happen located at the Chapel of the Hills Church in Sunland. Since its inception, Making It Happen has expanded to include housing assistance and free health clinics. In addition, the non-profit participates in events focused on community assistance, such as the Homeless Connect Days, and supports Sunland-Tujunga schools by sponsoring Back-to-School events and a Family Christmas Celebration for the homeless and underserved children.

When the coronavirus pandemic began, there was an enormous increase in demand for food and meals, and their Saturday food pantry attendance grew from about 60 individuals and their families to almost 200 individuals and their families. At the height of the pandemic, their Sunday Hot Meal program increased from 75 people to 200 people. Stepping up to the challenge, the organization began offering a weekday lunch program, which included meal deliveries, and in response to COVID-19 safety protocols, changed the manner in which they serve the needy; from a walk-through pantry and seated dinners to a drive-through and delivery.

Along with giving back to the community through Making It Happen, Pattee enjoys

spending time with her daughter, family, and friends.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this exceptional, well-respected woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Pattee Colvin.

RECOGNIZING THE FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MT. CARMEL CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 26, 2021

Mr. LAMBORN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the fifth anniversary of the Mt. Carmel Center of Excellence in Colorado Springs, Colorado. A dream of Colorado businessman Jay Cimino, Mt. Carmel opened its doors in 2016 to support our veteran-rich community in impactful and meaningful ways.

Their state-of-the-art facility and staff have become a cornerstone in the Pikes Peak region, providing functional, comprehensive care to veterans in need. In addition, Mt. Carmel Center offers transition and employment assistance for those separating from the military, individualized and group counseling and support, family wellness classes, training, networking, and various other services, at little or no cost to our veterans through public-private community partnerships.

I congratulate and thank Mr. Cimino, Army (COL) Retired Bob McLaughlin, and all of those who make Mt. Carmel a reality for veterans in Colorado's Fifth Congressional District. Their steadfast commitment to giving back to the brave men and women who have sacrificed so much for our freedoms is unparalleled and unmatched.

May God Bless the work done at Mt. Carmel, may God Bless our veterans, and may God Bless America.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 26, 2021

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I regretfully missed one vote on Thursday, July 22, 2021. On roll call vote No. 218, H.R. 3985, the Allies Act, I would have voted YEA.

IN CELEBRATION OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL EDWARD ZAWORA

HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 26, 2021

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Madam Speaker, today I rise in commemoration of United States Army Lieutenant Colonel Edward Andrew Zawora Sr. who is turning one-hundred years old on October 21, 2021. Lieutenant Colonel Zawora resides in my hometown of San Antonio, Texas, with his wife, Mary Carolyn Peak. This milestone is so joyous for Lieutenant Colonel Zawora and his family, and I am honored to celebrate him on this day.

Lieutenant Colonel Edward Andrew Zawora Sr. was born in East Chicago, Indiana, on October 12, 1921. His parents, Joe and Ana Zawora emigrated from Poland in 1908 with only six dollars. At an early age he demonstrated hard work and resilience, growing up as one of six children during a time of financial hardship. He held many jobs as a young man to support his family, helping them make ends meet while attending school.

Shortly after graduating from high school, Lieutenant Colonel Zawora enlisted in the United States Army. He moved to Panama from East Chicago to complete his basic training and was assigned to Fort Bliss thereafter. During his time in El Paso, the Army observed great potential in Lieutenant Colonel Zawora and brought him to the White Sands Proving Grounds. It was here that the Army was developing the first missile defense program, as well as the first atomic bomb. Lieutenant Colonel Zawora participated in these projects as a team member with top secret clearance.

Lieutenant Colonel Zawora was assigned to the Explosive Ordinance Detachment during the Korean Conflict, in which he excelled and was quickly promoted. He was the youngest First Sergeant in the Army when he received his stripes. Throughout his career, Lieutenant Colonel Zawora participated in courageous assignments, such as diving into the ocean in order to disarm underwater mines while wearing heavy protective gear. He also served in World War II, participating in EOD activities. Lieutenant Colonel Zawora served his country in two wars and completed duty assignments in various parts of the world. In 1966, he retired as the top Army officer assigned to the EOD at Fort Monroe, Virginia.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to recognize the life and service of a person who dedicated themselves to family and country above all else. The entire San Antonio community celebrates this great milestone of an American hero. I thank Lieutenant Colonel Zawora for his service, his courage, and for his unending commitment to our country.

HONORING MARA LEONG-MAGUINEZ AS A 28TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR

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A native Pasadenan, Mara attended Westridge School, obtained her Bachelor of Arts degree in American Studies and Ethnicity from the University of Southern California, and received her Master of Public Administration (MPA), Nonprofit Sector Management degree from California State University, Northridge.

Ms. Leong-Maguinez's career has been dedicated to helping children and families in the local community. This began with her

seven-year employment as Development Director at the Families Forward Learning Center in Pasadena (formerly known as Mothers' Club), an organization that provides two-generation learning programs to low-income families. Mara's experience at Families Forward increased her passion for providing comprehensive services and inspired her to obtain her Master's in Public Administration and dedicate her career to managing community-based organizations. She then went on to serve as Director of Development at the Downtown Women's Center and Chief Development Officer of the Youth Policy Institute.

In January of 2020, shortly before the coronavirus pandemic began, Mara began serving as Executive Director of the Ronald McDonald House Pasadena. The Ronald McDonald House Pasadena, located near Huntington Hospital and Shriners for Children Medical Center, is a home-away-from-home for families with critically ill children who are receiving medical treatment, providing these families with a comfortable, caring place to stay, meals and therapeutic family support services at little or no cost to the families. When the pandemic hit, Mara worked to implement comprehensive safety and cleaning protocols and adjust the physical spaces within the House, while simultaneously obtaining funding and gathering support to keep the House open during this crucial time, which was especially important as several families had to stay there for greater lengths of time than usual due to the pandemic.

Mara lives in Pasadena with her husband, Roman Maguinez. Along with volunteering for Families Forward, Mara enjoys cooking and bicycling in the beautiful Pasadena area.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this exceptional, well-respected woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Mara Leong-Maguinez.

MS. COURTNEY RENKEN
RECOGNITION OF SERVICE

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 26, 2021

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Courtney Renken, who will be leaving my office after seven years of distinguished service to the people of Texas Congressional District 12.

Born and raised in North Texas, Courtney became involved in her community at an early age. From her association with the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, to her membership in the Lake Worth chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, to her work with the Azle Lions Club, Courtney has pursued every opportunity to learn from and support those around her.

In 2014, while attending law school, Courtney joined my team. Balancing her schoolwork and a research job, she managed to take on some of the most detail-oriented duties in my office, the kind most people try to avoid. She gravitates not to the glamorous tasks, but to those that are essential for an organization to function smoothly.

I was finally able to hire Courtney full-time after she earned her law degree, from Fort Worth's own Texas A&M University School of