

coach for the women's water polo program since 2008 after leading the team in six stand-out seasons in various coaching roles. In recognition of her athleticism and contributions to the sport, Shana was named to the Michigan All-Decade team in 2010, and, in 2016, she was inducted into the CWP Hall of Fame.

It is an honor to recognize Shana on her induction into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame. May her story and athletic career serve as an inspiration to the next generation of Pennsylvania athletes striving for excellence.

OFFICER JUSTIN PACIFIC: 2020–2021  
POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR

### HON. TED BUDD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 29, 2021*

Mr. BUDD. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Officer Justin Pacific of High Point, North Carolina, and his noteworthy accomplishment of being named Greensboro Police Department's Police Officer of the Year for 2020–2021.

Officer Pacific has dedicated his life to keeping his community safe through service. Beginning in November of 2005, he spent the past fifteen years across several different posts—working as a patrol officer, tactical officer, detective, and most recently as an investigator on the District 1 Critical Response Team. In each of the difficult jobs he has held, Officer Pacific worked tirelessly to make the Greensboro area a better place for all residents, earning recognition from his colleagues and superiors for his strength in leadership.

As an investigator, Officer Pacific has developed a reputation for his tenacity and consistent delivery of results. Having recently aided in the recovery of hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of stolen automobiles and machinery, Officer Pacific also brought perpetrators of the thefts to justice. He has assisted in procuring \$40,000 of drug money, \$4,000 of equipment, and has carried out the crucial role of investigating major assault and murder cases within District 1. However, these accolades alone do not speak to the true reason Officer Pacific is deserving of the award bestowed to him.

Rather, it is his mentor mentality and servant's heart that qualify Officer Pacific as 2020–2021's Police Officer of the Year. Going above and beyond his written job description, Officer Pacific has dedicated extra efforts to the education, development, and leadership of his teammates. His guidance and commitment to the professional development of his peers formed the driving force behind the readiness and success of the District 1 Critical Response Team. Even when acknowledged for the unit's high level of performance, Officer Pacific has humbly attributed his accomplishments to the strength of the team that he helped build.

Supporting Officer Pacific in his excellence is the team he has assembled at home. Backing his operation is his incredible wife, Jennifer. The couple have two children, Braedon and Addison, who play an equally important part in making Officer Pacific the man he is today. Together, the four-person crew form the accomplishment Officer Pacific is most proud of—his family.

Without a doubt, the lasting impact of Officer Pacific's service to our community is the

increased safety and security of individuals and families alike. Please join me in celebrating Officer Justin Pacific and his dedication to the Greensboro Police Department. Congratulations, Justin on being named the 2020–2021 Police Officer of the Year.

DWAYNE STEPHENS

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 29, 2021*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dwayne Stephens of S.M.A.R.T. Local #9 on his retirement.

Dwayne is a lifelong resident of Colorado, mostly in Jefferson County, where he has committed his time and energy into serving his community and local unions. He started as the Business Manager of Local 9 in September 2000, and continuously held that position until July 2012, along with several other positions, including Trustee on the Nuclear/Hazardous Materials Committee, Trustee for the Stabilization Agreement of the Sheet Metal Industry (SASMI), member of the International General Executive Council, as well as rising to International Vice President during his time as Business Manager. He was then re-elected as Business Manager of Local 9 in July 2015 and served in that capacity until July 2021. He has been a strong advocate and champion for union rights and trade issues.

In addition to his service to Local 9, Dwayne has been very active politically throughout his career. I have worked closely with him in several capacities, including during his time with the Sheetmetal Worker's Union, as the Colorado AFL-CIO President, and his work with the Jefferson County Democrats, including his time as chair. I have always been grateful for his hard work and dedication to his community. I am particularly appreciative of his level-headed approach to policy matters and his kind, calm demeanor is one of a kind.

Dwayne is a loving husband and has been with his wife Linda for decades. I have enjoyed my friendship with both of them, and I wish Dwayne all the best in retirement and send gratitude for his service to the metro Denver community and the great State of Colorado.

CONGRATULATING JOHN  
SCHOUTEN

### HON. DEVIN NUNES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 29, 2021*

Mr. NUNES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate John Schouten on his retirement as Chief Executive Officer of World Wide Sires, an international bovine genetics company in Visalia, California. John retires after thirty-five years at World Wide Sires and twenty years as its CEO.

Despite joining World Wide Sires with little international experience, John rigorously applied himself, forging relationships that allowed U.S. genetics to enter countless parts of the world and support dairy farmers globally. As CEO, John continuously pursued the latest

technological innovations that made World Wide Sires an international leader in the bovine genetics industry.

In addition to pioneering World Wide Sires' success, John has been a leader for the whole industry. He served numerous times as Chairman of the National Association of Animal Breeders International Marketing Committee and worked closely with USDA Foreign Agriculture Service staff in various countries to develop more direct pathways for importing U.S. genetics. Under John's leadership, World Wide Sires' export business has grown more than 500 percent, expanding the company's genetics and support services to over 75 countries.

As a dairyman, I am grateful for John's considerable contributions to the global bovine genetics industry and helping American cattle farmers receive access to foreign markets. I wish John all the best in his retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LATE  
JAMES MICHAEL DESIDERIO ON  
HIS INDUCTION INTO THE  
LUZERNE COUNTY SPORTS HALL  
OF FAME

### HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 29, 2021*

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor former athlete, coach, official, and Northeastern Pennsylvania native, the late James Michael Desiderio. James will be inducted into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame for his distinct athletic and coaching achievements in the sport of wrestling. He and his fellow inductees will be honored at a reception on August 8, 2021.

Each year, the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame honors those who have brought fame and recognition to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania through their outstanding achievements and contributions in athletic endeavors.

James graduated from E.L. Meyers High School in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania where he spent four years as a key member of the wrestling team. For his athletic-prowess and leadership, he was named captain his senior year, and his efforts on the mat earned him induction into the Meyers High School Sports Hall of Fame.

James continued his academic career at Luzerne County Community College, graduating with a degree in science. He started coaching wrestling at Pittston Area High School before transferring to Meyers where he was the head coach of the junior high team and known for his care and attention to his athletes. James left the area to attend Miami Dade College in Miami, Florida where he received a degree in Mortuary Science. While in Miami, he coached wrestling for a local YMCA. James returned to Pennsylvania and opened Piszczek-Desiderio Funeral Home. His passion for the sport of wrestling endured as he worked as a PIAA wrestling referee, officiating the sport with fairness and expertise. He continued to work for the good of his community by serving on the Wilkes-Barre YMCA Board of Directors for more than ten years.

It is an honor to recognize James on his induction into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of

*July 29, 2021*

Fame. May his story and his athletic and the next generation of Pennsylvania athletes coaching careers serve as an inspiration to striving for excellence.