

and rightfully applauded thanks to the hard work of advocacy groups like the Filipino American National Historical Society, which chose Stockton as the location for the organization's museum.

In countless ways, the history of Filipino Americans embodies the ideals of the American Spirit: hard work, dedication, resiliency, and a firm belief that better days lie ahead. Filipino Americans are an integral part of our area and have played an irreplaceable role in the larger American story. I am incredibly proud to celebrate October as Filipino American History Month and eagerly anticipate the role that Filipino Americans will play in our community's future.

#### HONORING MR. FRANK SCARFO OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

### HON. MAXINE WATERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 21, 2022*

Ms. WATERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Frank Scarfo, a 94-year-old U.S. Army veteran in my Congressional District who has quite an interesting history. Mr. Scarfo served our country as a counterintelligence officer based in Italy during the Korean War. In a little-known Army operation, Mr. Scarfo helped identify and report communist party operatives who were attempting to infiltrate the Army's leadership by working as support staff in Italy.

Born and raised in a small coal-mining town called Norton in West Virginia, Mr. Scarfo was brought up speaking only Italian in his parent's household until the age of eight. After graduating from college, he registered for the draft in December 1950 and after making the Army aware of his fluency in Italian was sent to Fort Holabird, Maryland, home of the Army's Intelligence School from 1945 to 1972, where he was trained as a counter-intelligence officer.

Assigned to the 7617 Military Post in Livorno, Italy, Mr. Scarfo served his country for two years supporting the 4th Logistical Command, uncovering potentially dangerous enemy operatives who were working for the U.S. Army in Livorno, Pizza, and Florence, Italy. The cover name for the operation was the "Labor Control Detachment" and it remains somewhat secretive to this day. Mr. Scarfo went on to serve for an additional four years in the Army Reserve, rising to the rank of sergeant.

Proud of his contributions to the American occupation of Europe in the early 1950s, Mr. Scarfo would have continued his service in the Army if he didn't need to return home to West Virginia to take care of his ailing parents. He later moved to California and worked with space pioneer Wernher von Braun's operation at the Aerospace Corporation, which led to the successful moon landings in the late 1960s and early 1970s.

In honor of Frank Scarfo's participation in this little-known military operation in the European theater, I am pleased to bring to light his service to our country and thank him for a job well done.

#### RECOGNIZING MR. ART CHIANELLO

### HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 21, 2022*

Mr. VALADAO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Art Chianello for his 20 years of service to the City of Bakersfield and congratulate him on his retirement.

Mr. Chianello started his career in the city of Bakersfield working as an Engineer in the Design Division of the Public Works Department. He quickly rose the ranks to become the Manager of the Bakersfield Water Resources Department. In this position, Mr. Chianello oversaw the River and Agricultural Water and Domestic Water divisions. His duties included administering the regulation, distribution, water banking, and recordkeeping operations on the Kern River, as well as monitoring the city's domestic water system. Mr. Chianello's work ensured that over 143,000 residents and local businesses in Bakersfield had access to clean drinking water.

One of Mr. Chianello's proudest professional accomplishments occurred during his work as a wastewater manager in the Bakersfield Public Works Department. There, he played an instrumental role in the predesign, design, and construction of a project that aimed to double the treatment plant capacity of the city's wastewater plant. Mr. Chianello's dedication and hard work allowed the department to complete the project on-time and on-budget. This passion to serve his community honorably only grew throughout his career.

For 20 years, Mr. Art Chianello has been an exemplary public servant. His leadership, ability to work collaboratively, and desire to help others have been essential to securing successful outcomes for the Bakersfield Water Resources Department and for all the residents of the City of Bakersfield.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the career of Mr. Art Chianello and wishing him the best in retirement.

#### LES REARDANZ RETIREMENT

### HON. RICK LARSEN

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 21, 2022*

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise in recognition of the retirement of Les Reardanz and his remarkable 31-year career of service in the United States Navy.

Les's years in uniform have meant time away from his family and friends. He has served our country, the Navy and our community with devotion and integrity. Whether on deployment in Afghanistan, advising the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on legal matters, or helping safeguard Puget Sound following 9/11, Les's tours of duty were as expansive as his skill set. The Navy and the Judge Advocate General's Corps are undoubtedly better off thanks to his years of service and leadership.

Les also served as Executive Director for the Port of Everett. During his tenure, he strengthened the critical relationship between the Port and the Navy and helped lay the

foundation to expand the seaport and redevelop the Everett waterfront. Also, Les played a key role in reaching the agreement that created the Blue Heron Slough.

I wish Les the best as his Navy career ends, new chapters begin and as he continues serving his community at the Whatcom Transportation Authority.

I thank Les for his dedicated service and congratulate him on a job well done.

#### RECOGNIZING ELLIOT BERRY

### HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 21, 2022*

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today alongside my colleague Congresswoman ANN MCLANE KUSTER to honor Elliot Berry and his forty-seven years of service to New Hampshire Legal Assistance. Through his impactful career, Elliot embodied the highest values of service to our state's most vulnerable community members.

Witnessing the systematic and legal challenges faced by the residents he served, Elliot dedicated his efforts to not only helping his clients navigate the system but making positive changes to our state's housing policies. New Hampshire residents enjoy more protective renter's rights and housing laws thanks to Elliot's work. These protections will continue to benefit hundreds of families across New Hampshire long after his retirement, making our state safer and more economically viable for the future.

In 1975, Elliot began his journey with New Hampshire Legal Assistance after graduating from Boston College Law School and starting out as a VISTA volunteer. Throughout thousands of cases for individual clients, appeals, and class-action lawsuits, Elliot stayed resolute in his commitment to protecting the most vulnerable members of our communities. This spirit of service was exemplified in Elliot's challenges to a series of local zoning laws proposed in the 1990s that precluded the development of low-to-moderate income housing units. Elliot's advocacy extended past housing issues to include representing incarcerated men and women across New Hampshire, resulting in the construction of a new prison facility for women in Concord and improved access to mental health and drug counseling services for men and women.

Elliot's belief in the right to safe and affordable housing distinguishes him as a true champion for low-income families, and the legacy of his service will continue to improve the lives of residents across the Granite State for years to come.

On behalf of the constituents of New Hampshire's First and Second Congressional Districts, we thank Elliot for his many years of service, and for being part of what makes the Granite State such a special place to live. We are honored to recognize and congratulate Elliot on his retirement and wish him the best of luck in his next chapter.

HONORING THE LIFE OF GERI  
LANGLOIS

**HON. JOE COURTNEY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 21, 2022*

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to mourn the passing of a beloved Northeastern Connecticut public servant, Mr. Geri Langlois of Windham, Connecticut. Geri Langlois sadly passed at the all too young age of 68 on Sunday, September 18, 2022, after a valiant battle with myelodysplastic syndrome. Mr. Langlois was a leader who was instrumental in executing successful development projects in eastern Connecticut which will have a lasting legacy on the lives of residents throughout the region.

Born on April 16, 1954, in Putnam, Connecticut to Carol and Edrose Langlois, Geri grew up with his family only a few towns south of Windham in Canterbury. Geri graduated from Windham High School and continued to practice his devotion to learning at Southern Illinois University Carbondale. Geri was a true jack of all trades, including, for example, the additional education he gained from MIT where he studied computer sciences, as well as his numerous other passions, from gardening to crafting custom guitars.

Upon his graduation from university, Geri's lifelong arc began to bend to its true form: public service. In applying his unique ability to master any new skill or challenge before him, Geri first started out as an organizer for the Connecticut Citizen Action Group, committing himself toward the mission of creating a just and sustainable Connecticut. Given his natural success at community organizing, Geri then ran for and was elected to the position of First Selectman of the Town of Thompson, yet another community in the northern reaches of the Second District of Connecticut. Among his countless skills, Geri was clearly most adept as an advocate for others, and his neighbors ultimately promoted him to the elected office of State Representative of the 51st District. Madam Speaker, I had the pleasure of serving in the Connecticut General Assembly in the 1980s and early 1990s as a colleague of Geri, and had a front row seat to watch him in action. I witnessed his intelligent, principled advocacy for the people of the 51st District which was highly successful. State Representative Langlois specifically facilitated many key economic development projects including the revitalization of Windham Mills, an iconic site in the Town of Windham as well as the enactment of a prescription drug plan for Connecticut seniors in 1987 which predated the U.S. Congress passage of Medicare Part D by 14 years. Geri was a great friend and an ally on many issues during our time together and his honorable service will be remembered for all time.

Geri Langlois' charisma extended far past the state officials he routinely worked with and came to be known as a "fighter of the people." After his terms as State Representative and First Selectman, Geri remained a stalwart champion of economic development through his tenure as Executive Director at the Northeast Connecticut Economic Alliance and President of the Windham Mills Development Corporation. At the Northeast Connecticut Economic Alliance, he helped struggling small

businesses obtain funding when they were locked out of obtaining funds from traditional lending sources, spurring economic activity throughout all of Windham County. As a member of the Windham Zoning Board of Appeals, he remained an active participant in community-based discussions, oriented toward economic development, through to his final days.

Geri's most defining trait was his love for his family. Despite Geri leading an immensely busy life and career, he always made certain to prioritize his wife of 27 years, Sherry, children, and grandchildren. In fact, the bond between Sherry and Geri was so well tuned that they even co-founded a business together, Rapid Framework, which was missioned toward supporting other businesses through website development services.

Madam Speaker, it is an honor to represent constituents as devoted to the prosperity of their community as Geri Langlois. Geri's storied career of public service is a shining beacon that has reflected onto countless others to inspire good citizenship. I am honored to have gained the opportunity to work with such a remarkable individual on behalf of eastern Connecticut. His memory will live on in the hearts of his family and throughout the communities and businesses which he helped grow. To that end, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in honoring Geri's life, so that his distinct work in service to the region may never be forgotten.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF  
KEITH SWARTZENTRUBER

**HON. DARIN LAHOOD**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 21, 2022*

Mr. LAHOOD. Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate Keith Swartzentruber, the executive director of Snyder Village, who is retiring after 34 wonderful years of service across Central Illinois.

Keith Swartzentruber joined the staff as an administrator of Snyder Village when it opened its doors in 1988 and has held the position of executive director at Snyder Village for the last 17 years. Under his leadership, Snyder Village has grown from a modest organization offering a health center and six independent living cottages to the full-life plan community that it is today. Currently, over 400 residents call Snyder Village home, and roughly 240 staff members make up the Snyder Village team. Spanning over 48 acres, Snyder Village now encompasses a skilled nursing health center, assisted living, home care services, inpatient and outpatient therapy, and a retirement community with 40 apartments and 170 cottages.

As a true servant leader, Keith encourages and supports staff to embody the Snyder Village mission statement: to provide for the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of others in a loving, dignified, and Christian atmosphere. Keith exemplifies the high level of care and service which has made Snyder Village the remarkable place it is. He can often be found visiting with residents and staff members, ensuring they feel valued and cared for. His leadership and service have been recognized by his peers and the community through several awards, including the Life Services Network Leadership Recognition Award.

Our community has been fortunate to benefit from the service and leadership of Keith Swartzentruber. I extend my sincere congratulations to Keith on his 34 years of service at Snyder Village. I wish him much success as he continues to lead a life of service to the Metamora community and central Illinois.

HONORING THE WORK OF DR.  
ROBERT FICKLIN

**HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 21, 2022*

Mr. WESTERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Robert Ficklin, forestry professor at the University of Arkansas at Monticello, for receiving the Society of American Foresters (SAF) Fellows Award. The SAF Fellows Award is the highest recognition in the forestry profession. It is a testament to Dr. Ficklin's lifetime of service to the industry and the Society of American Foresters in particular. Dr. Ficklin is only the third forestry professor in the history of UAM to receive this esteemed honor.

Dr. Ficklin has made extraordinary contributions to the forestry industry at a local, state, and national level. His service and leadership over the last twenty years at UAM has left a lasting impact on his students. His former students now hold professional forestry and environmental management positions in state and federal agencies, as well as various academic positions. Dr. Ficklin was recognized for his impact in the UAM forestry program by being the first forestry faculty member to become a finalist in the Hornaday Outstanding Faculty Award.

In addition to his impact on students, Dr. Ficklin has been instrumental in research and innovation. His research on forest soils in the Ozark uplands, the Western Gulf Coastal Plain, and the Lower Mississippi Alluvial Valley have been presented nationally. His research has resulted in numerous publications, papers, reports, abstracts, and presentations that will be used for many years.

I am proud to recognize Dr. Ficklin today for his many accomplishments and to thank him for his commitment, dedication, and service to the forestry industry. Dr. Ficklin's contributions to the forestry sector will be felt for years to come. Arkansas is the gold standard when it comes to forestry, and that is in large part due to forestry leaders like Dr. Robert Ficklin.

RECOGNIZING MICHAEL P.  
STACHEL AND DAVID WINDHOLZ  
FROM DOYLESTOWN, PA

**HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 21, 2022*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize two outstanding constituents from my district, Michael P. Stachel and David Windholz. Since the 1960s, these gentlemen have given their time and financial resources to organize fishing derby events for children, disabled individuals, and seniors throughout our community. They sponsor and