

## HONORING PHILIPPE GILBERT

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 7, 2022*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I am grateful, on behalf of the Congressional French Caucus, to invite the House of Representatives to join in honoring Philippe Gilbert, an unheralded leader and an expert in global logistics. Philippe recently announced his retirement from United Parcel Service, Inc. (UPS) and the Caucus recognizes Philippe Gilbert for his contribution to the American people during his tenure with UPS.

A native of France, Philippe earned his Finance degree from the Institut Supérieur de Gestion (I.S.G.) in Paris, France, and is fluent in English, Spanish, French and Portuguese. Philippe first came to the United States in 1994 working for Saga S.A, coincidentally, the same year he met his lovely wife, Ida. He went on to become Executive Vice President for GEODIS Wilson, the freight management division of the GEODIS Group, followed by his position as Regional CEO of the Americas for DB Schenker Logistics. Philippe joined UPS in 2019 as Executive Vice President, Supply Chain Solutions, where he was responsible for Global Logistics and Distribution, Global Freight Forwarding and the technology-driven truckload freight brokerage business at Coyote.

Philippe was an integral part of the UPS partnership with the White House to deliver lifesaving COVID-19 vaccines across the country. Philippe and his Supply Chain Solutions team worked tirelessly to ensure vaccines could be delivered quickly and safely. To date, UPS has delivered over 1 billion vaccines across the globe with near perfect on time delivery.

Not only did Philippe work to deliver critical healthcare goods, but his team also helped American businesses through the supply chain crisis that resulted from the pandemic. Under his leadership, the Supply Chain Solutions team helped businesses of all sizes optimize their supply chains and adjust to ever changing global trade dynamics.

While his business success is laudable, Philippe's personal advocacy in support of the Creer Business Resource Group (BRG) at UPS and efforts to support Latina advancement reflected his unwavering commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion. He would always find the time to engage and mentor, understanding the importance of the next generation of leaders.

We wish all the best to Philippe, Ida, and their son, Gabriel.

## HONORING LIEUTENANT COLONEL RAUL MONTIAGUE UPON RECEIVING THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

**HON. JOHN GARAMENDI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 7, 2022*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and commend Lieutenant Colo-

nel Raul Montague of the 60th Air Mobility Wing upon receiving the Distinguished Flying Cross for his service, dedication, and sacrifice during Operation Allies Refuge. He exemplifies the best of America, and his tireless efforts guarantee the safety of all those who call America home.

Last year, the servicemembers of the 60th Air Mobility Wing met a challenge of colossal scale when they played a pivotal role in completing the drawdown of forces from Afghanistan. This command was critical in the largest noncombatant evacuation operation in known history, Operation Allies Refuge, ultimately saving over 124,000 lives. The 60th Air Mobility Wing directly supported the evacuation of nearly 13,000 Afghans while simultaneously managing the security and operations at Hamid Karzai International Airport. I have listened to countless stories from this group of brave men and women that exemplify the character, leadership, and bravery that is cultivated at Travis Air Force Base.

Service records only scratch the surface of the courageous actions performed by the 60th Air Mobility Wing. They put their hearts and lives on the line to save so many. These valiant servicemembers like Lieutenant Colonel Raul Montague epitomize the values of courage and patriotism.

On behalf of a grateful country and all the constituents of California's Third Congressional District, I would like to congratulate Lieutenant Colonel Raul Montague of the 60th Air Mobility Wing for receiving the Distinguished Flying Cross and extend my sincere gratitude for his sacrifice and contributions to the defense of this great country.

## HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF DALE HARRINGTON

**HON. MARK DeSAULNIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 7, 2022*

Mr. DeSAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Dale Harrington.

Throughout his life, Dale has demonstrated his passion for advocacy and has worked tirelessly to promote equity within our community. He earned his master's degree from California State University at Sacramento, California and in 1963, he became Assistant Chief Probation Officer in Yolo and Santa Barbara Counties where he served for 15 years. In 1975, he was appointed chair of the Santa Barbara County Juvenile Justice Master Plan Task Force. Throughout his life, Dale was a strong advocate for criminal justice reform, firmly believing that no one is beyond redemption.

After his time as a probation officer, Dale was appointed as executive director of two corporations responsible for providing housing for elderly and disabled persons in the East Bay. Dale went on to share his expertise with future generations, joining the University of Phoenix as a Professor of Management, Sociology, and Critical Thinking. As a faculty member, he published an article through the University of Kiev in Ukraine entitled: "Professor and Student Responsibilities—How are they different?".

As a strong proponent for affordable housing within the East Bay, Dale was involved with many community organizations, serving on the Board for the Golden Rain Foundation, City of Benicia Housing Authority, and the California Association of Homes and Services for the Aging. Additionally, he was a founder and Board Member for the Affordable Housing Affiliation.

Please join me in honoring Dale Harrington, who sadly passed away at the age of 84 on October 9, 2022. He will be remembered for his outstanding character and his commitment to his community.

## RECOGNIZING JEROME D. SCHAD'S EXCEPTIONAL CAREER

**HON. BRIAN HIGGINS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 7, 2022*

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, today I am pleased to honor a man, Jerome "Jerry" Schad, and his lifetime of remarkable work. Jerry has been a pillar within the Western New York law community for nearly five decades and a personal friend of mine. Though Jerry's retirement is imminent, the work that he has done in private practice and public service will long outlive his career.

A graduate of Geneva College, Duquesne University, and the University at Buffalo Law School, Jerry was admitted into the New York State Bar Association in 1972. As a partner at Hodgson Russ LLP, Jerry spent nearly thirty-four years in litigation for his firm. His work mainly focused on tort, commercial, and civil litigation regarding compliance with disability law. In his storied career, he litigated in the New York State Supreme Court and handled appeals to the Third and Fourth Appellate Divisions of the Supreme Court.

After retiring from private practice in June of 2005, Jerry began his journey in public service. Beginning in 2012, as Majority Counsel to the Erie County Legislature, Jerry advised the Democratic majority on a wide variety of pressing legal issues. In 2013, Jerry began working as one of three Commissioners of the Erie County Water Authority. He would continue this work for three terms, and it would include taking the role of Chair in 2018.

Meanwhile, Jerome Schad has been the steady force and bedrock of the Amherst Democratic Committee for the last decade. Today, Jerry is recognized for all the work he has done to advance its position and interests.

With his newfound free time, I trust that Jerry will cherish more moments with his six children, twelve grandchildren, and his loving wife, Priscilla. Not to mention, it can be safely assumed that Jerry will more frequently be seen around Western New York's golf courses. As a long-tenured and vital leader of our community, he deserves this time to enjoy the things he loves most. On behalf of countless others, I would like to thank Jerry for all his efforts through an exceptional career.

HONORING DENNIS BROBSTON FOR HIS TREMENDOUS IMPACT ON SARATOGA COUNTY AND THE CAPITAL REGION

**HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 7, 2022*

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dennis Brobston for his remarkable career at Saratoga Economic Development Corporation (SEDC). Over his almost fifteen-year tenure, Dennis had a tremendous impact on Saratoga County and the Capital Region.

Under Dennis' leadership, SEDC focused on creating economic growth and stability in Saratoga County and the surrounding region by helping companies invest in facilities, technology, and talent. Since Dennis began serving as President in March 2008, he has worked on nearly 200 projects that have landed Saratoga County billions in economic development.

Among these projects was the creation of GlobalFoundries in 2009. SEDC estimates that this international firm created more than 3,000 jobs in Saratoga County and more than 20,000 indirect and induced jobs throughout the region. Dennis was involved in projects of all sizes, including creating distribution centers for Target, Ace Hardware, Quad/Graphics, Greenfield Manufacturing, Agrochem, Synergy Park, and Cortex.

Throughout Dennis' career, private investment in Saratoga County reached \$16 billion, job creation grew by over 5,000, and more than 4,000 jobs were retained. These investments and growth will continue to have an economic impact on the regional and state economy for many years going forward.

While Dennis' career at SEDC is coming to an end, his leadership will continue bringing economic success to the Saratoga region. On behalf of New York's 21st District, I am honored to congratulate Dennis for his monumental career at SEDC. We thank him for making a lasting impact on the Capital Region and wish him luck in his future endeavors.

HONORING CAPTAIN CODY APFEL UPON RECEIVING THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

**HON. JOHN GARAMENDI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 7, 2022*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and commend Captain Cody Apfel of the 60th Air Mobility Wing upon receiving the Distinguished Flying Cross for his service, dedication, and sacrifice during Operation Allies Refuge. He exemplifies the best of America, and his tireless efforts guarantee the safety of all those who call America home.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. RUSS FULCHER**

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 7, 2022*

Mr. FULCHER. Madam Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 509, S. 2796.

HONORING USAF RET. COL. JAMES F. DOUGHERTY, JR.

**HON. KAT CAMMACK**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 7, 2022*

Mrs. CAMMACK. Madam Speaker, on behalf of Florida's Third Congressional District, I honor the life of Colonel James F. Dougherty Jr., USAF, Retired. He died at the Lake City VA Medical Center on June 16, 2022 at the age of 80.

Remembered as a loving husband, father, and grandfather, Colonel Dougherty was a pilot in the Air Force before moving into financial management. The unprecedented projects he tackled in the Air Force and the Department of Defense were a credit to his willingness to do the impossible in financial management and in support of military pay improvements for our troops stationed around the world. Colonel Dougherty served in Vietnam and in support of Operation Desert Shield/Storm.

I extend my deepest condolences to Colonel Dougherty's family and friends and celebrate his life well lived. Our nation is grateful for his service and sacrifice to the Stars and Stripes.

HONORING CAPTAIN SPENCER YACOS UPON RECEIVING THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

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OF CALIFORNIA

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. RICHARD E. NEAL**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 7, 2022*

Mr. NEAL. Madam Speaker, due to unforeseen circumstances, I was unable to be present on December 6, 2022, to vote on S. 4834, the PROTECT Our Children Act of 2022. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 510, S. 4834, PROTECT Our Children Act.

RECOGNIZING SAN ANTONIO'S RICHARD PEREZ

**HON. HENRY CUELLAR**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 7, 2022*

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize Mr. Richard Perez of San Antonio, Texas.

After 15 years serving as President and Chief Executive Officer of the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Perez will step down from his position at the end of this month. Thanks to Mr. Perez, the Chamber is stronger and more influential than ever. I would like to congratulate him on his many successes and wish him the very best in the next chapter of his life.

A native of San Antonio, Texas, Mr. Perez learned about the importance of small businesses—and the challenges that they face—at