

federal housing vouchers, Anne worked with my office and San Mateo County to identify willing owners and managers. She and her brother also manage hundreds of apartment units and homes. They encourage property owners to accept federal housing vouchers and many do, thus helping low-income households throughout San Mateo County.

At least part of her dedication to ending homelessness arises from personal experience. Anne once noted that, "One of the most impactful and tough experiences in my life was the night my husband Jose and I received a call that we will never forget. We learned that our son, who suffers addiction and mental health issues, was living on the street. We are blessed that he is fine now and doing much better. But my family's story is all too typical. I refuse to accept the status quo on homelessness. We cannot continue to let people live and die on our streets."

Over her 20+ years as a resident, Anne has been a volunteer for the PTA, the Mills High School Athletics Booster Club, and the Italian-American Women's Guild. She is a local coordinator for the Coats for Kids program, and in 2010 she was awarded the Community Service Award by the realtor's association. She also fundraises for the San Mateo County Historical Association.

We thank her husband Jose, daughter Francesca, and two sons Joey and Marco, for allowing Anne time to serve the public. Her presence will now be more predictable, and they have the satisfaction of knowing that Anne's occasional absences were needed to build a better Millbrae for everyone. Most importantly for Anne, she will now have time to spend with her two new grandchildren, Carolina and Isabella, born October 10, 2022. It may be a step down from public service to leave a city council, but it's a step up in service to humanity to become a grandmother. Anne is very fortunate to have received a promotion at this point in her life.

It is now time to say farewell to Anne Oliva as she leaves public life, but thankfully she isn't moving away. Her ever-present smile and can-do attitude will be evident in her community, and her willingness to volunteer will endure. When local businesses seek an advocate, they will always have Anne as an ally. Importantly, she will continue to work her magic in the real estate market, providing housing to those who need it, opportunities for those who seek the American Dream, and fair returns to owners. The wind and fog that occasionally sweep through Millbrae will continue to have their rival in Anne's energy, and the optimism about the future that she exudes will be remembered as a major force for good during the nine years that she served Millbrae, a community that she loves.

HONORING VEER SAWHNEY

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the service of Veer Sawhney, my intern who has completed his Winter 2022 semester serving the people of Florida's 24th Congressional District. Veer has proven to be a very capable young man and shows great promise for his future endeavors.

Veer has assisted my office in various areas, including education policy, communications, and constituent engagement. He has shown a great understanding of the legislative process and has demonstrated his ability to adapt to the political arena. Veer has presented an excellent work ethic and willingness to learn.

Veer is a proud first-generation Indian-American from Leonia, New Jersey. A student at American University, Veer is working to receive his bachelors in Political Science and his master's in Public Policy with a concentration in education policy and policy, management, and leadership.

Veer is using his time at American University to gain practical skills which he plans to use in his future endeavors. His passion will drive him to work in education policy, where he plans to develop policies to improve our nation's education system.

On behalf of Florida's 24th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Veer Sawhney for his hard work and accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING DAREK NEWBY ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. ROSA L. DELAUR

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

Ms. DELAUR. Madam Speaker, I rise as Chair of the Appropriations Committee, and on behalf of the Members of the Committee, and its staff, to pay tribute to Darek Lane Newby as he retires following 25 years of service to the House of Representatives.

Hailing from North Carolina, Darek began his career with Congressman David Price as a Legislative Assistant before serving as the Congressman's Appropriations and Budget Committee associate staffer, Legislative Director, and Acting and Deputy Chief of Staff. In these roles, he advised the Congressman on issues and legislation related to the federal budget, homeland security, health care, and the environment.

In 2009, Darek came home to the Appropriations Committee, initially joining the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Subcommittee, of which he took over as Clerk in 2011. Since 2013, he has been serving as the Homeland Security Subcommittee Clerk. He provides other Members and me with vital counsel and expertly leads staff in developing the Subcommittee's bill.

During his time with the Appropriations Committee, Darek has proven time and time again to be a fair negotiator whose superb leadership and compassion have made our nation and the world safer and more humane. His career was never shy of managing crises, but he led with dedication and poise through any conflict that came his way. Darek's profound technical knowledge, coupled with his diligence and poise, has been critical in reducing refugee and asylum application backlogs, bolstering maritime security, strengthening our cyber infrastructure, respecting the dignity of immigrants, and supporting disaster relief.

I am excited for what the future holds for Darek and wish him, his wife Patty, and their children Ben and Sam all the best. As Darek starts a new beginning, the Appropriations

Committee and our Nation will miss him, are indebted to his service, and are forever grateful for his hard work. Congratulations on a remarkable career.

HONORING THE LATE BOBBY SILVERSTEIN

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, on November 17 of this year, we lost a dedicated public servant and crucial advocate for disability rights: Bobby Silverstein. He served in the House of Representatives as counsel to the Education and Labor Committee's Select Education Subcommittee and later in the Senate as staff director and chief counsel for the Disability Policy Subcommittee of the Committee on Labor and Human Resources. I worked with him most closely when I was the lead House sponsor of the Americans with Disabilities Act and he was working as Senator Tom Harkin's chief aide. In that role, he helped craft the ADA and fought tirelessly to secure its enactment. Like so many others, I admired Bobby's intellect, strong character, and commitment to public service. I believe that my friends Katy and Ralph Neas articulated that admiration we all feel for Bobby perfectly in their remarks at his funeral service, and in honor of Bobby, I include in the RECORD their speeches.

[Nov. 22, 2022]

REMARKS FOR BOBBY SILVERSTEIN'S MEMORIAL SERVICE

(By Katy Neas)

In 1987, Bobby was my boss. When I left the Hill in 1991, he was my friend, and somewhere along the way over these 35 years, he and Lynne became family.

There are three things you need to know about Bobby.

No one was better prepared. Yes, he really did have a binder for everything.

No one wanted to get to "YES" more than Bobby.

No one was more genuine, thoughtful, loving, respectful, and patient, and he was fun.

I worked for Bobby on the original Americans with Disabilities Act. One of his many gifts was his devotion to bringing people together—the disability community, the business community, Republicans and Democrats. He had endless patience and wanted to learn from each individual's perspective so that the ADA could be the strongest LAW possible. One of the best parts of this time was a certain individual from the Leadership Conference, Ralph Neas, who was in our office almost daily to coordinate with Bobby. Ralph and I were married in November of 1988 and spent the next 20 months engulfed in the ADA.

During those months, I had many conversations with Lynne, asking her about "Bobby time"—meaning, what time did Bobby come into the office. Her typical response was "don't ask." What most people didn't know is that he would be in the office around 3:00 a.m. every day so that he could leave by 6:00 p.m. to have dinner with Lynne and the boys. That was his schedule for months.

Bobby at his "Bobby-est" when in conversation with Senator Orrin Hatch. There were amendments that sought to discriminate against people with HIV that Senator

Hatch was considering supporting. Bobby tracked him down in the hallway to share with him an anecdote about a zoo in Ohio that had requested a group of students with down syndrome leave because their presence was upsetting to the animals. Bobby explained to Senator Hatch that the fundamental discrimination these children faced was the same discrimination that people with HIV faced. In his sincere Bobby way, he was the perfect messenger and Senator Hatch ended up doing the right thing.

So on to the fun Bobby. Bobby and Lynne joined the Lowes Island County Club as it was a club without gender-based restrictions where Lynne could be the primary member and play golf anytime she wanted. The club was purchased by the Trump organization sometime later. Several times in that first year of the Trump presidency, Bobby would call, using that golf-tv announcer voice—to let me know that the President was on the 17th hole with a gazillion secret service agents—because I was in desperate need of this important information.

So, while I won't ever pick up the phone to "Hi, it's Bobby" again, I will carry him in my heart for all the days of my life. And I will always ask myself in a tough situation, what would Bobby do? And I would ask you do to the same.

When someone treats you with disrespect or anger, think—What would Bobby do? He would try to find out why they are upset and to see if there is a way to reach consensus.

When life throws you a curve ball, think—What would Bobby do? He would analyze the problem from every angle, go back to his fundamental principles of right and wrong, and come up with a solution.

And finally, when you are having a really bad day, think—What would Bobby do? Know that he would envelop you in his love, patience, and generosity and move heaven and earth to support you. And if you do that for someone else, Bobby will be on your shoulder cheering you on.

I am the most grateful person on the planet to have had this incredibly intimate personal and professional relationship with Bobby Silverstein. Every day since his death last week, I've woken up crushed by sadness but overwhelmed with the joy that comes with being Bobby's friend. How can you think about Bobby and not smile? As I put one foot in front of the other, I will think about what would Bobby do, what would Bobby expect me to do, and how can I advance his legacy. It won't be easy, but Bobby showed us what's possible.

[Nov. 22, 2022]

EULOGY FOR BOBBY SILVERSTEIN

(By Ralph Neas)

For 35 years, I have been in awe of Bobby Silverstein. The reasons are many. High on my list, of course, are his notable and numerous professional accomplishments, especially his leadership role in the enactment of the historic Americans with Disabilities Act.

But my role today is to discuss primarily the personal and not the professional. I would like to share with you two episodes in my life that demonstrate why no one could have a better friend than Bobby Silverstein.

In early November of 2018, I was laying paralyzed on an I.C.U. bed at Johns Hopkins University Hospital. For the second time in my life, I had contracted Guillain Barre Syndrome, a rare and usually reversible auto-immune disorder that can sometimes lead to total paralysis and death.

After confining me to more than 100 days in hospital beds, the syndrome had struck most of my body, but not my lungs. However, it had become increasingly apparent, as breathing and talking became more difficult, that my lungs were its next target and a ven-

tilator might be necessary to increase my chances of survival.

At this critical moment, in walks Bobby, with his perpetual grin, his sense of humor, and his trademark optimism. He had learned from Katy that I was in really bad shape. Bobby correctly figured out that I probably needed a close friend to help Katy keep me company and my sanity. And very importantly be my advocate when necessary.

He sure got that one right. And no one was better qualified. Bobby understood how vital it was for a patient in my condition to communicate needs and participate in important decisionmaking. He realized that without augmentative and alternative communication devices, those goals would be impossible to achieve. Bobby and the hospital's alphabet chart became an incredible team. Thanks to them, my anxiety level dropped considerably.

But soon it was clear that if I were to live, I had to be put on a ventilator. Bobby was the last nonmedical person I saw before the medical procedure and the first one I saw as I regained consciousness. And Bobby and the alphabet chart remained my constant companions until I was out of the woods. Bobby had been the indispensable friend we all need when the stakes are the highest.

Fast forward four years: Bobby is battling cancer and my communications with him are by email or phone calls. I told Katy that I forever will owe Bobby "big time" for what he did for me in 2018. It was time for me to return the favor. I would visit him in person on a regular basis for as long as it took to get him better.

On November 5, I was on my way to the Silverstein home, armed with three bowls of chicken soup (of course) for Lynne, Bobby, and myself. While we waited for Lynne to return from an errand, Bobby and I sat on the porch, basking in the early fall sunlight and talking about everything: families, politics, sports, friends, and his tenacious battle to defeat pancreatic cancer.

An hour into our conversation, Bobby pivoted suddenly and dramatically to the strong possibility that pancreatic cancer might win. He made it abundantly clear that he would continue to fight the cancer with all his might, but he knew the odds were not in his favor. He just wanted me and everyone else to know that he was not afraid of dying. Indeed, if he died, he would die a happy man. He explained that he had lived a full life, experiencing all its joys, especially the love of his family and friends and his enormous love for them.

Bobby first talked about how wonderful it was to have been married to Lynne, the love of his life, for 51 years. Then he turned to Mark and Evan and how fabulous and loving they had been as sons and how they had married Steph and Christie, two remarkable and loving women. And to the surprise of no one in this room, Bobby shared with me for the millionth time, how spectacular it was to be the grandfather of Cyrus, Chloe, Jacob, and Bailey.

And yes, he did mention his professional career with a sense of pride in his accomplishments and the opportunities he had to help better the lives of countless Americans.

While Bobby talked, I realized that once again I was the one receiving another friendship gift. In his careful, diplomatic, and effective way, Bobby was making it clear that it is possible to achieve balance in one's personal and professional lives—with a lot of hard work, the willingness to compromise, and love.

As I drove home that day, I promised myself that no matter what life still had to offer, I would try to be more like Bobby. Once again, thank you, my dear friend.

HONORING MAYOR JOHN DUNBAR

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mayor John Dunbar in honor of his retirement and record eighteen years of service on the Yountville Town Council.

Mr. Dunbar is a native of Oakland, California and a graduate of the University of California, Davis. He moved to Yountville in 1998 and joined the Zoning and Design Review Board in 2003. In 2004, he was appointed to the Town Council and was elected to his first full term two years later. Mr. Dunbar was elected Vice Mayor of Yountville in 2008 and Mayor in 2010, 2014 and 2018. His 18 years on the Town Council and 12 years as Mayor are both record-long tenures.

Over the course of nearly two decades of public service, Mr. Dunbar has been a leading advocate for equality in the Napa Valley. In 2009, he authored the successful Yountville Equal Rights Resolution and in 2019, supported the raising of the Rainbow Flag in honor of Pride Month. In an effort to boost local interest in the arts, Mr. Dunbar helped found the Yountville Arts Commission and made countless investments in community programs.

As Mayor, Mr. Dunbar oversaw years of a balanced budget and remained committed to supporting local industry, wildfire prevention and affordable housing within the town of Yountville. He has also been a champion of climate change initiatives and conservation efforts. Outside of his local duties, Mr. Dunbar has represented Yountville within the League of California Cities, the National League of Cities and the U.S. Conference of Mayors. For the 2019–2020 term, he became President of Cal Cities where he represented the state's almost 500 municipalities in both regional and national discussions on local government.

Mr. Dunbar is a member of many boards and organizations including the Napa County Climate Action Committee, the Napa Valley Transportation Authority, the Yountville Tourism Improvement District's Local Governing Committee and the Pathway Home nonprofit veteran treatment program. Since 2012, he has also served on the Napa Exposition and Fair Board.

Madam Speaker, I thank Mr. Dunbar for his years of selfless service and commitment to the people of Yountville. His efforts have made the town a more welcoming, safe and enjoyable place to live. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

RECOGNIZING THE BRAVERY AND COURAGE OF THE PEOPLE OF IRAN

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, it has been more than two months since 22-year-old Mahsa Amini died alone in a hospital bed in Tehran.