

aging infrastructure as well as price increases by the city's water supplier. It fell to then-Mayor Holober to note these painful increases in his 2020 reports to the residents, but he also explained all the wonderful work that was done by the public works department, including replacement of many pipes that were more than 50 years old.

A new biotechnology building is under construction near the BART/Caltrain station. Due to the openness of Reuben and his colleagues to new business development, the city is known as a place where companies with the right ideas can get projects successfully through the approval process.

When he joined the council, he was half the age of a typical councilmember. With youthful optimism, he joined the council's Technology Subcommittee and Infrastructure Task Force. His colleagues also assigned him to be the council's representative to the Millbrae Chamber of Commerce, the Peninsula Traffic Congestion Relief Alliance, the San Mateo County Library Joint Powers Authority, and the Caltrain Local Policy Makers Group. Millbrae Community Television, which broadcasts local events, also benefited from his service on its Board of Directors.

Reuben was Mayor in 2020 when COVID arrived. It is almost painful today to read his remarks to colleagues, delivered in November. He noted, "2020 has been an extremely difficult year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. From job losses and economic decline . . . to feelings of isolation and depression . . . due to necessary shelter-in-place and social distancing orders. In many ways . . . we were not prepared for the pandemic." He and his council colleagues rose to the challenge. He noted that the council provided grants to local businesses and helped them apply for greater funding through the SBA. He further noted that 409 businesses received PPP loans that saved 2,600 jobs. The council also passed ordinances to allow curbside dining outdoors, expedited construction permits, closed streets to allow residents and visitors to stroll, and limited fees charged by DoorDash and others so that restaurants could survive without customers being gouged by delivery charges.

All of this was done even though at the time the city's budget took a \$6.5 million hit due to revenue reductions. By cutting other expenses sharply, the deficit was reduced to \$1.3 million, but this left the city operating "on a shoestring budget" according to then-Mayor Holober.

With completion of the new recreation center, major development at the Caltrain/BART station, and commencement of development of a nearby biotechnology complex, Millbrae is finally poised to soar. Reuben Holober can be confident that his quiet and effective leadership was crucial to building a bright future for the city he loves. I wish him, his wife Amy and his son, Nolan, all the best in the years ahead. Reuben Holober, the 25-year-old who wanted to serve, has done a wonderful job for his city and his neighbors. He's now earned the ultimate badge towards the rank of Eagle Scout: Civic duty. Democracy in Millbrae is better due to his time on the council.

HONORING COUNCILMEMBER PAM STAFFORD

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 Councilmember Pam Stafford in recognition of her 16 years of dedicated service to the people of Rohnert Park, California.

Ms. Stafford is a graduate of California State University, Los Angeles, where she received a Bachelor of Arts in English. She moved to Rohnert Park in the mid-1970s where she has worked as a fitness trainer and a small business owner for more than 42 years. In 2006, Ms. Stafford was elected to the Rohnert Park City Council. During her tenure, she has served as both Vice Mayor and Mayor, being elected unanimously to the latter in 2009 and 2012.

Ms. Stafford has also been a member of the Waste and Recycling Committee, the Rohnert Park Chamber of Commerce board of directors and the Senior Citizens Advisory Commission. Her outside agency appointments include the Association of Bay Area Government General Assembly, Zero Waste Sonoma, the Water Advisory Committee to Sonoma Water and the Santa Rosa Plain Groundwater Sustainability Agency.

As a councilmember, Ms. Stafford has supported countless improvements to local parks and voted to approve the development of Sonoma Mountain (SOMO) Village—a 200-acre mixed-use and sustainable property that includes over 1,800 housing units, soccer field and commercial space. She has been incredibly active in her community, attending countless events, guiding a dance and exercise class at the Rohnert Park Community Center and supporting the performing arts at the local community theater.

Ms. Stafford and her late husband Joseph Mark Stafford have three children, Bryce, Kyle and Megan. She is also the proud grandmother of six.

Madam Speaker, I thank Councilmember Stafford for more than a decade of exemplary leadership and selfless service. Her efforts have undoubtedly made Rohnert Park a more green, welcoming and enjoyable place to live. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor her here today.

HONORING THE LATE BOBBY SILVERSTEIN

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Mr. Bobby Silverstein. Bobby was a dedicated public servant and advocate for advancing disability rights. Within both the House of Representatives and the Senate, he worked tirelessly to champion the needs and priorities of the disability community. Specifically, Bobby played a critical role in crafting the Americans with Disabilities Act and fighting to secure its enactment while serving as staff director and chief counsel for Senator Harkin's Disability Policy Committee.

Bobby will be remembered for his compassion and commitment to creating a society that is fully inclusive and accessible for all Americans. Bobby's dedication to advancing the opportunities for and dignity of those with disabilities were shared by his colleague and friend, Judy Heumann at his memorial service. In honor of Bobby, I include in the RECORD Judy's speech.

When I learned of Bobby's passing, like all of you I was stunned and deeply saddened. I thought immediately of you Lynne, Mark, Evan and your families, and the shock and sadness you would be experiencing. Then I began to think about Bobby and the life that he led. The example he was to everyone whose life he touched. And then a smile came across my face, because Bobby was the epitome of a life well lived.

Like many of us joining today, I had the opportunity and privilege to work with Bobby on some of the critical pieces of legislation that he helped conceptualize, negotiate, and lead on with Congress—especially Senator Harkin—and the disability community to pass. In particular, I remember being both honored and fearful when I was asked to be one of the presenters at the ADA joint hearings. I wanted to make sure that my words enabled the members of Congress to get a clear understanding of why passage of the ADA was so important. But I was, to say the least, quite terrified because of the gravity of the hearings and all that was riding on them.

I shouldn't have worried though, and it was a beautiful experience for me to work with Bobby on the testimony. He was, as always, completely prepared, and he worked tirelessly with me and the other presenters to ensure that we were prepared too. In his diligent way, he made sure that we were acknowledged, respected, and felt valued in sharing our personal stories of discrimination and how it impacted our lives. This testimony was one of my proudest moments, and it meant a great deal to me that Bobby felt it was a powerful and impactful presentation.

How fortunate we were to have had Bobby Silverstein in our movement. Bobby took the time to learn about our lives, and to learn about the importance of being able to get laws like the ADA passed, or the IDEA reauthorized. He understood how important it was for concepts like independent living to be enshrined in the law. He knew how to collaborate, and negotiate—to negotiate hard if the 2 circumstances called for it—and how to disagree without being disagreeable. As smart and strategic as he was, he was also proud of our accomplishments, but at the same time humble, kind, and ethical. And he would always pick up the phone when I called, whether it was 7:00 in the morning or 10 pm in the evening! I will miss being able to do that, to get guidance on one thing or another, or just to check in.

That said, when it came to work / life balance, you always knew that with Bobby, family came first. Being in the presence of Bobby and Lynne was to know a deep love and respect that spanned more than 50 years, and to see what it can produce; not only in a relationship but in a family. You could see how lovingly they raised their wonderful sons, Mark and Evan, and the joy that they experienced when, in turn, Mark and Evan married and had their own children. I loved when Bobby talked about what he and Lynne were doing with the grandchildren, and the pride they took in being able to devote such time and care to them. It has been a privilege to see such devoted parents raising children who have grown up to carry forward the same principled approach to life.

Yoshiko Dart and I were speaking about Bobby the other day, and reflecting on his strength and vision, love and discipline. And his beautiful smile. True to the core of his humanity, you could believe him, and trust that what he said and what he did were always in-sync.

I am certain that Bobby's life work will continue to grow. The decades he worked on the Hill in support of the bipartisan passage of more than 20 bills. The work he has been doing for the past 15 years with Powers, Pyles, Sutter, and Verville, and the hundreds—if not thousands of people—he has trained and mentored to understand how to effectively implement those laws. All of this will continue to bear fruit.

Lynne, Mark, Evan, the entire Silverstein family and friends, we thank you for having shared Bobby's life so lovingly with our community. It is our responsibility to carry forth his work as we continue to fight for equality. To lead with humility, to listen, to encourage the growth of our movement, to mentor, and to attribute some of the progress we have made to the vision, fortitude, and integrity of Bobby Silverstein.

How many of us in this room can say that we have led a life as rich as Bobby's?

We will miss you Bobby—and always find solace and encouragement in remembering your warm smile.

WISHING MS. ELEANORE JOHNSON A HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. MICHAEL GUEST

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

Mr. GUEST. Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to rise today to wish Ms. Eleanore Johnson a happy 100th birthday. While reaching 100 years is an impressive accomplishment, I am here to honor Ms. Johnson not only for her centennial birthday, but also for the life she has lived and the service she has given to others.

Ms. Johnson was married to her husband, Howard, a World War II pilot, for 48 years. Together, they raised four daughters and now have seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Ms. Johnson began her career as a secretary and later worked as a teacher and librarian's assistant. She also dedicated time to being a stay-at-home mom while her children were young.

In her retirement, Ms. Johnson has remained dedicated to serving her community. She has volunteered at Rankin General Hospital and Peachtree Retirement Center, and she has been a committed Christian her entire life. Additionally, she has served as a Sunday School teacher, Vacation Bible School Director, and church librarian, among other roles. Ms. Johnson also has a keen interest in politics and stays informed on national, state, and local matters as a lifelong Republican.

It is my honor to recognize Ms. Eleanore Johnson for her many accomplishments and her dedication to Mississippi and the United States. I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in honoring Eleanore Johnson.

HONORING RAEDEEN BIGELOW AS IOWAN OF THE WEEK

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker. I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring Raedeen Bigelow, who leads the MATURA Neighborhood Center in Greenfield, as our Iowan of the Week.

In September of 1974, Raedeen found herself working a brand-new job after graduating high school. She wasn't exactly sure where her career path would take her, but she was finding her footing working with Head Start, the preschool program provided by MATURA Action Corporation. Raedeen was at Head Start for two years when she saw the MATURA Outreach Center in Greenfield was looking for an aide. She applied in May of 1976, and since then, she has worked tirelessly at the Greenfield Neighborhood Center to help those in need of assistance.

MATURA is a non-profit community action agency that partners with communities in southwest Iowa to provide a multitude of comprehensive programs for individuals and families seeking assistance. It's dedicated staff provides crisis assistance to Iowans in need of food and help with utilities and rent, but services go far beyond that, MATURA also offers access to its Head Start comprehensive preschool program, thrift stores, education for pregnant women, assistance with programs like WIC breast feeding peer counseling and Healthy and Well Kids of Iowa, and workforce training for youth, dislocated workers, and long-term unemployed individuals. Each year MATURA provides these types of critical services to more than 10,000 individuals and 3,700 families across Adams, Adair, Madison, Ringgold, Taylor, and Union Counties, where some of the state's most rural areas are located.

This September, Raedeen will be celebrating 48 years at the Greenfield Neighborhood Center, in that time, she has helped folks get the assistance they need, no matter the challenges. But when the COVID-19 pandemic prevented normal interactions between neighbors and changed business operations nationwide, Raedeen and the rest of the folks at MATURA faced their biggest challenge yet. With their doors closed for the first time, meeting families and others to discuss their needs and offer solutions was difficult. Raedeen's Outreach Center was getting more and more requests for assistance as the pandemic prolonged. People needed general assistance, help with housing, energy needs, maternal health service, and much more.

Knowing there was great demand for their help, each Outreach Center had to figure out what processes worked best for each individual office across its six-county footprint, such as drive-through appointments. Raedeen and her team adjusted as each Outreach Center did things their own way, working tirelessly to accommodate each person and family and get them connected with the help they needed at such a crucial time.

Today, Raedeen and the Greenfield Outreach Center are stepping up to help those in their community as our economy struggles with the burden of inflation. Rural communities

are facing increased challenges as costs rise. Raedeen's work and expertise is critical while the Outreach Center yet again adjusts to meet high demand. She is now focused on connecting folks with resources like food pantries, of which the Greenfield Outreach Center has its own that's used across the area. She engages the community regularly so neighbors know when the Center is open and what services are being offered, including handing out backpacks at the beginning of August.

Assistance in rural communities can often be overlooked, and it's people like Raedeen who make these services accessible for those who need it most and during times of crisis. Raedeen is as dedicated as ever, and she's excited to soon pass the 50-year anniversary of her time at MATURA. Madam Speaker, because of her perseverance, passion, and nearly 50 years of dedicated service to her community. I am honored to recognize Raedeen Bigelow as this week's Iowan of the Week.

RECOGNIZING CHARLES MICHAEL "MIKE" FUTRELL

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize one of the most extraordinary city managers I have ever known. My friend and colleague Charles Michael "Mike" Futrell leaves his position as city manager of South San Francisco, my hometown, after nine years of exemplary service. Mike has proven over and over again that he is one of the most productive, most creative, and most professional community leaders in the region. He superbly led this city of 67,000 people with a budget of over \$400 million and set it on a path to success.

Most residents of cities don't realize how much impact a city manager has on every aspect of their lives. Mike led 900 full and part-time personnel across all departments: police, fire, emergency medical services, emergency management, public works, parks and recreation, library, human resources, finance, communications, and economic and community development. He greatly improved South San Francisco's finances earning the city its first ever AAA bond rating. During his tenure, the city yielded budget surpluses every year, and he delivered record budget reserves.

To appreciate how much Mike brought to the table when he started his job as city manager, it helps to know his background. Mike earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Louisiana State University, a Master's in Business Administration from the University of Massachusetts. Amherst, and a JD from Louisiana State University Paul M. Herbert Law School. He was a Ph.D. scholar in Management of Complex Systems at the University of California, Merced, and he received a Learn, Engage, Accelerate, Disrupt (L.E.A.D.) Certification in Corporate Innovation from Stanford.

Mike did not confine his accomplishments to academics. He also served in public office and held other senior administrative positions in both the public and private sectors. He was an elected member of the Baton Rouge Metropolitan Council, an elected member of the