

home in Fair Oaks Ranch, Texas on Saturday, March 12, 2022, at the age of 99.

Robert was born on June 14, 1922, in Superior, Nebraska to Dr. Irving and Rose Pratt. He and his younger sister Peggy were raised in San Antonio, Texas where they both graduated from Jefferson High School. Robert attended the San Antonio College after he graduated from Jefferson in 1941 until he enlisted in the Navy in October of 1942. Due to his college credits already earned, he was entered into an officer training program. He was commissioned an Ensign in May of 1944. He proceeded to be part of the commissioning crew of LST 781. LST 781 then sailed from New Orleans, LA through the Panama Canal and into the South Pacific Theater. His ship participated in many of the island invasions in the Pacific culminating in the invasion of Okinawa where he survived kamikaze attacks while supporting Marine Corp Air Unit logistics. His ship had the distinction of being one of the first American ships to enter a Japanese port after the Atomic Bombs ended the conflict. He used a jeep from his ship to drive the short distance to Hiroshima to see the destruction there since no one knew anything about the danger of radiation. It was a sight he could never forget.

He returned after the war to San Antonio and completed his undergraduate degree in marketing at St. Mary's University. He was working for General Motors when he met the love of his life, Frances Salley of Alice, Texas. They married in January of 1950. When they returned from their honeymoon, he was greeted by a letter from the United States Navy calling him back to active duty for the Korean conflict. After Korea, he and Frances returned to South Texas where they raised two sons, Robert W Pratt II and Byron Wayne Pratt.

Robert had careers as an executive for Central Power & Light Company and later as a real estate developer of apartment communities. He stayed in the Navy Reserves retiring with the rank of Commander. He was an active member of the Corpus Christi Yacht Club for many years.

Robert and Frances enjoyed a 71+ year partnership and adventure together. Many of their best times were spent with family and friends aboard their 50-foot ketch, the *Masquerade*, on voyages that went from Florida to Annapolis, Maryland, and throughout the Caribbean. They moved from Corpus Christi, Texas to Fair Oaks Ranch, Texas in 1995 where RW continued to manage some of his real estate assets and mentor younger people he met to grow to their full potential.

We are able to live free today because of the courage of men like Commander Pratt, who put their lives on hold and answered their country's call when it needed them most. Love of family, country, and a life dedicated to service sum up the character of Commander Pratt, a member of the Greatest Generation. These stories will inspire future generations of Americans to pursue a life dedicated to causes greater than themselves. I hope this testament to Commander Pratt's life serves as an acknowledgment of the immeasurable debt of gratitude owed to him by the American people. On behalf of Texas' 21st Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the extraordinary life of Commander Pratt and his dedicated service to our country. Today, a grateful Nation thanks him.

RECOGNIZING GOOD NEIGHBORS SHOPPE IN LENOIR CITY, TENNESSEE FOR 20 YEARS OF CHARITABLE SERVICE IN THE LOUDON COUNTY COMMUNITY

### HON. TIM BURCHETT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 18, 2022*

Mr. BURCHETT. Madam Speaker, I rise in recognition of Good Neighbors Shoppe, a charitable organization that is celebrating 20 years of service in Loudon County, Tennessee.

Roberta and Eugene Burwell opened Good Neighbors Shoppe on March 19, 2002, at 109 East Broadway Street in Lenoir City, Tennessee. Their mission was to financially support other charities in the area using the proceeds from selling donated goods at their store. After early success, Good Neighbors Shoppe built a new, larger headquarters at 420 Leeper Parkway in Lenoir City, where it is located today.

Good Neighbors Shoppe has donated over \$5 million since 2002, and at least 80 percent of each year's sales income is donated to charities within the Loudon County community. Domestic and sexual abuse centers for adults and children, food pantries, veterans' organizations, literacy programs, youth development groups, disabled and senior citizen programs, and addiction recovery centers are among the many organizations benefitting from Good Neighbors Shoppe's contributions. Additionally, Good Neighbors Shoppe has subsidized over 35 academic scholarships to Loudon County students and distributed annual grants to all Loudon County public schools.

Behind Good Neighbors Shoppe's success is a team of over 220 unpaid volunteers. These volunteers screen donated merchandise, professionally display the items that are for sale, and operate the storefront. Gently used and new items available for sale at Good Neighbors Shoppe include women's, men's and children's clothing, kitchen wares, furniture, and other useful items.

It is my honor to recognize the philanthropic efforts of Good Neighbors Shoppe in the United State House of Representatives. Congratulations to every Good Neighbors Shoppe volunteer, past and present, on 20 years of outstanding service to East Tennessee communities.

HONORING THE PLATTSBURGH DISTRICT NO. 3 VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT ON THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS FOUNDING.

### HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 18, 2022*

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the Plattsburgh District No. 3 Fire Department on the 50th anniversary of its founding. This fire department has shown tremendous dedication to protecting and serving the city of Plattsburgh and the surrounding municipalities in Clinton County.

The District No. 3 Fire Department was first authorized in a resolution passed by the Town Board of Plattsburgh on July 1, 1971 and was formally chartered two months later. Under the leadership of their first Chief, Ken Dumas, the twenty-five original firefighters of District No. 3 steadily began to establish themselves within the Plattsburgh community. Shortly after the Department's creation, local resident Kathryn Grube generously donated her private land on Wallace Hill Road to serve as their first permanent fire station. Despite many updates and renovations, the Wallace Hill Station is still the main home of District No. 3.

As the years went on, the Department continued to emerge from its humble beginnings, gaining more experience and acquiring better equipment. In 1972, they purchased two one-thousand gallon per minute fire pumps, and they were officially integrated into the Clinton County Firemen's Association the following year. In 1983, they acquired a Mack Aerialscope fire engine from the City of New York and were further enhanced by a consistent flow of community donations.

Today, the District No. 3 Fire Department has expanded to over forty volunteer members who are extraordinary examples of those willing to sacrifice for the good of their community. Now utilizing an impressive fleet of five modern engines, the District No. 3 Fire Department responds to over one hundred calls annually. On April 9, 2022, the Department will celebrate its seven remaining founding members: Dennis Burnell, Wendell Burnell, George Giroux, Marcel Giroux, Gary Gudz, Edward Goslow, and Roger Harwood. On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I am honored to recognize the 50th anniversary of Plattsburgh's No. 3 Fire Department.

HONORING MR. MOE AMMAR

### HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 18, 2022*

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement of Mr. Moe Ammar from Pacific Grove's Chamber of Commerce after 29 years of dedicated service to Monterey County and the central coast of California. Mr. Ammar's legacy of leadership and financial stewardship will continue to guide Pacific Grove's strong and vibrant Chamber of Commerce and business community.

Born in Beirut, Lebanon, Mr. Ammar quickly rose through the ranks of the hospitality industry after graduating from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas in 1979. After developing hotels around the world, his work brought him to Pacific Grove in 1986 and Mr. Ammar quickly embraced our community and became the champion of Pacific Grove's businesses at the local and state level. He passionately fought against increased taxes, parking charges, and zoning laws that limit business growth.

Under his leadership and presidency, the Chamber passed four ballot measures in support of local business priorities. In 2001, the Downtown Business Improvement District was formed by the Chamber which benefits 230 businesses. In 2007, the Chamber helped form the Hospitality Improvement District that represents and benefits 23 lodging establishments, and in 2013, it established the Tourist Information Center.

Furthermore, events like “Good Old Days” grew from two city blocks to nine, and the Pacific Grove Car Auction was introduced at the Pacific Grove Golf Links. The organization also adopted the Holman Highway, volunteering to pick up trash and keep the roadway clean for the past 11 years.

Mr. Moe Ammar’s dedication to the community did not stop with the Chamber of Commerce. He served on the Economic Development Committee for 27 years, taught the next generation of business leaders at Monterey Peninsula College for 17 years, and volunteered for picnics, parades, and the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am. His enthusiasm for service was commemorated when he was awarded the Key to the City of Pacific Grove in 2000, becoming only the third person in the last four decade to be awarded this honor.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Mr. Ammar’s decades of service. I extend my personal appreciation to Mr. Moe Ammar and his dedication to the Central Coast.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. TED BUDD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 18, 2022*

Mr. BUDD. Madam Speaker, due to a change in my scheduled flight, I was unable to reach the Capitol Building in time to cast a vote.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 71, and YEA on Roll Call No. 72.

#### RECOGNIZING MS. LILLIE MARSHALL

#### HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 18, 2022*

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Ms. Lillie Marshall who has dedicated much of her life in service to her Red Hook, Brooklyn, NY community. She was born on April 24, 1943, in Sparta, Georgia, to a family of community leaders in education, law and business. Five years out of Hancock Central High School, she moved to Red Hook, Brooklyn.

As a proud single mother of four, Ms. Lillie Marshall became known for her no-nonsense approach and commitment to the area children. She advocated for and arranged after-school programs for youth of all ages. When a private school was built in the neighborhood, she served on a committee that successfully secured annual scholarships for qualifying children of Red Hook public housing. She has watched over generations of families for decades.

Ms. Marshall fervently advocated for tenants in her twenty-year role as the Tenant Association President of Red Hook West. She met with NYC Housing Authority (NYCHA) executive and local leadership alike to give tenant perspectives and amplify their voices. Ms.

Marshall also served on NYCHA’s Citywide Council of Presidents as District Chair of Brooklyn South.

Ms. Marshall’s efforts will long be remembered for her Thanksgiving turkey drives for local families, feeding the homeless, delivering meals and PPE to homebound seniors during the COVID-19 Pandemic. She has been a leader at events such as Red Hook Old Timers Day, National Night Out Against Crime and has organized Red Hook Family Day every year.

For her decades of leadership and volunteerism, Ms. Lillie Marshall will not soon be forgotten by her beloved Red Hook. Her legacy of life-long community service has instilled core values and civic pride in her community.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF COMMUNICARE HEALTH CENTERS

#### HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 18, 2022*

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, it is with delight that I rise to honor the 50th anniversary of CommuniCare Health Centers. CommuniCare Health Centers is a Federal Qualified Health Center that continues to serve residents in West Sacramento and surrounding neighborhoods in Yolo County.

In 1994, the name “CommuniCare Health Centers” was adopted to describe this growing family of health centers. Today, CommuniCare Health Centers include the Davis Community Clinic, Hansen Family Health Center in Woodland, Salud Clinic in West Sacramento, and five satellite locations. In 2007, CommuniCare Health Centers became a Federally Qualified Health Center, and in 2014, they achieved recognition for quality as a Level Three Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH), the highest level of recognition by the National Committee for Quality Assurance.

Madam Speaker, today we honor CommuniCare Health Center for their long-lasting commitment to providing quality, accessible health care for the Yolo County region as they continue to be the backbone of the healthcare systems for all those in need.

#### HONORING THE HEROIC LIFE AND SERVICE OF KENNETH J. McLAUGHLIN

#### HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 18, 2022*

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the commendable life of Army veteran, policeman, correctional officer, volunteer firefighter, and village justice, Kenneth J. McLaughlin.

Mr. McLaughlin was born in 1948 and grew up in Saranac Lake, New York, where he graduated from Pius X Central High School in 1966. He joined the Army at the age of nineteen and was stationed in Europe, where he served honorably for two years as an infantryman and mechanic. When he returned to the United States, he earned a degree in Criminal Justice from North Country Community Col-

lege. Kenneth became a patrolman for the Saranac Lake Police Department in 1970, where he would serve and protect his hometown for nearly twenty-five years. In addition to serving his community as a parttime police officer, Kenneth supplemented his career by becoming a New York State Corrections Officer. After retiring, he was elected in 2010 as Village Judge of Harrietstown, a role in which he was extremely successful in and praised by nearly the entire community.

Kenneth was also a proud member of the Saranac Lake Volunteer Fire Department, where he rose through the ranks and held several important leadership positions. Throughout his career, Kenneth was recognized for saving the lives of three Saranac Lake residents at the risk of his own safety. In 2015, at the age of sixty-seven and after nearly fifty years on the job, he still responded to more calls than any other member of the Department. He would remain an active firefighter for the rest of his life, helping train and mentor the next generation of local heroes.

On behalf of New York’s 21st District, I am honored to recognize Kenneth J. McLaughlin’s extraordinary life of brave and selfless service to his country and community. It is my hope that his heroism, integrity, and commitment to public service will be carried on by those who knew and loved him.

#### HONORING VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA CHAPTER 1032

#### HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 18, 2022*

Mr. SMUCKER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Chapter 1032 of the Vietnam Veterans of America, based in York, Pennsylvania. We are forever indebted to the veteran members of Chapter 1032 and the millions of other Vietnam Veterans who selflessly served our nation in the armed forces. We must also remember, honor, and give thanks for the service of those servicemembers who never returned home and made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their country. Recognizing the sacrifices of all those who served is critically important.

I would like to extend thanks to a resident of Pennsylvania’s Eleventh District and Vietnam Veteran, Harold Redding, a member of Chapter 1032 whose citizen advocacy prompted Congress to pass legislation that made possible the creation of the National Vietnam War Veterans Day, which will be observed on March 29. Thanks to Harold’s efforts and those who supported him, our nation has a dedicated day where we can come together to recognize the sacrifices that these brave men and women made so that we may live free.

On this day and every day, we can honor our Vietnam Veterans through providing them with the care, recognition, and gratitude that they deserve. I extend to Harold and all the veterans of Chapter 1032 my most sincere thanks and gratitude, and I stand ready to support them in any way that I can as a Member of Congress.