

After graduating from Santa Rosa Junior College, Ms. Diaz-McQuaid hopes to transfer to Sonoma State University to earn a bachelor's degree in sociology and eventually earn a master's degree in social work. On top of being an outstanding community member and student, Ms. Diaz-McQuaid is a mother and grandmother. She has three adult children, Gabriella, Anthony and Josephine Hall, and five grandchildren, Maya, Carmello, Jayvion, Millianna, and Dream.

Madam Speaker, it is evident that Lisa Diaz-McQuaid has devoted her life to helping and supporting vulnerable individuals in our community. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor her here today.

BRAEDEN DIFRANCEISCO

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 4, 2022

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, this month, I had the pleasure of presenting Braeden DiFranceisco with his Eagle Scout Court of Honor. Braeden is originally from Mullica Hill, South Jersey and is currently a senior at St. Augustine Prep School in Richland, New Jersey. He started his journey towards becoming an Eagle Scout in 2012 and has risen through the ranks from being a Bear in the third grade to Eagle his senior year of high school. For his Eagle Scout project, Braeden installed an orienteering course at Grenloch Lake Park in Washington Township. The course can be utilized by all Scout troops in South Jersey by helping them understand navigation and complete rank requirements. The orienteering course can also be used as a tool to help other scouts earn their orienteering merit badge. Braeden should be proud of his accomplishments, and it was my honor to have had the opportunity to recognize him for his service to the South Jersey community. God Bless Braeden, and God Bless America.

HONORING POLICE CHIEF MANJIT SAPPAL

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 4, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Chief Manjit Sappal as he retires from his outstanding, six-year service as the Chief of Police for the city of Martinez, California.

Born in the United Kingdom, Chief Sappal and his family immigrated to the United States in 1981 and settled in the Bay Area, where he has lived ever since. In the late 1990s, Chief Sappal began his 26-year-long career in law enforcement as a police officer in Pittsburg, California. Later, he moved to the Richmond Police Department, where he worked for 18 years and became a captain. While working as a police officer, Mr. Sappal graduated from Golden Gate University with highest honors, earning a master's degree in public administration. He also graduated from the prestigious FBI National Academy and the Police Execu-

tive Research Forum's Senior Management Institute for Police.

Chief Sappal's rigorous work ethic and impressive credentials propelled him to the office of Chief of Police of Martinez in 2015, a position from which he retired from on March 17, 2022. Throughout his career in law enforcement, Chief Sappal has worked in several positions. From Homicide Investigator to Guns and Gang Detective, he has always put himself on the line to make his community safer. While these experiences were memorable, Chief Sappal considers his time as Chief of Police, working with an amazing, high-performing team, to be the highlight of his career. Chief Sappal's service extends beyond law enforcement. As a member of the Contra Costa Council for Homelessness and the Martinez Rotary and Kiwanis, Chief Sappal has worked hard to maintain trust with the community and keep the public safe.

After retirement, Chief Sappal looks forward to spending more time with his wife, Tina, and their two teenage children, Alexis Lily and Andrew Tyler. While the people of Martinez will miss his excellent police work and leadership, the sense of empathy and compassion he established in the community will last a lifetime.

Madam Speaker, it is evident that Chief Manjit Sappal has served our community through his exceptional career in law enforcement. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE DONALD EDWIN YOUNG

SPEECH OF

HON. GARRET GRAVES

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 29, 2022

Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD additional tributes from staff and friends of the late Rep. Don Young.

MICHAEL SONGER

DY Senior Legislative Assistant & Defense Policy Advisor (2017–2022)

When it comes to the job, Congressman Young was the best there ever was. I remember we were going to an event on Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER) and due to a miscommunication, there was no memo for the Boss. So, there I was, hand writing a memo on the hood of a pickup truck, in a JBER parking lot. If I am honest, when I finished the memo, I was quite proud of myself. However, because of how good he was at doing the job, he didn't even need to refer to the memo. Without looking at that piece of paper, he conveyed a hopeful message full of jokes, pride, and an eye toward the future. His off the cuff remarks to that audience of servicemembers were better than anything I could have written.

When you ask anyone who worked for Congressman Young about their time working for "The Boss," they will all have numerous stories and experiences they will happily share. But one thing they will all say is he was the best boss ever. When I came on board, little did I know what the office and the Boss would come to mean to me. Over 49 years, Team DY has formed a family that has each other's backs. The Boss took a chance on me and allowed me to join this family and I will forever be grateful for the opportunity. I will miss him greatly. But I

know that when I look up at the sky and see a raven flying, he's out there, watching over his family.

NAHALI (HOLLY) R. CROFT

Team DY—Personal Staff (2008–2011)

A lot has been said in the days since Congressman Young's passing about how he was a tough, gruff fighter for Alaska. I'm grateful to Congressman Garret Graves for allowing me to share a memory that reinforces how important his constituents always were.

When I'd been newly promoted to Legislative Correspondent—a position in the Young office that handled a small portfolio as training for taking on bigger issues once promoted to Legislative Assistant—I turned in my first memo on legislation in my purview being considered on the Floor that day. To be honest, I was pretty proud of it. After all, I'd read the information on the bill from our Whip's office, and I'd consulted a few conservative think tanks for their assessments as well. I handed the memo to the Legislative Director, who approved it, and into the Congressman's office I went, ready to give my vote recommendation. I handed Congressman Young a copy of the memo, and he listened as I went through the high points. Then, he sat back in his chair, crossed his arms, and said, "Okay, Miss Holly, now argue it from the other side."

I must have given a shocked look because he chuckled, "It's important to know both sides. Just because we're recommended to vote a certain way from our leadership doesn't mean that we should." I think I must have continued to look surprised, or perhaps confused, because I don't remember responding before he continued, "We need to choose what's best for Alaska. That's not always what's best for the Lower 48. It makes me very unpopular at times with my colleagues, and that's okay because I'm not here to represent them, am I?"

"No," I admitted. At this point, I was again directed to consider the Democrats' arguments on the issue, and on that vote—my very first vote recommendation—he voted against my original recommendation and with the Democrats because it would better serve Alaskans. This was a valuable reminder that constituents should come before party affiliation, and it was something I carried with me well past my time in Congressman Young's office. It also was a good reminder that knowing a range of opinions is important for making informed decisions.

I worked for Congressman Young during this third decade of service. At his funeral, I met some of the staff who were working for him at his death. It was good to know that nothing had changed since that day back in 2008. Alaskans were always first with him, even until his last day.

DRUE PEARCE, FORMER ALASKA STATE SENATE PRESIDENT

From our first meeting in 1977 until our last, just days before his death, Don Young was a mentor and friend for whom I have the utmost respect. He was the only Alaska Congressman I've ever known and he provided sage advice and counsel, peppered with his unique exhortations to "Think Big" and "Work with everyone to get things done", sometimes uttered with some salty phrases included. Alaska and Alaskans could not have asked for a better advocate and more forceful singular voice in Congress—working for us 24/7/365 with a laser focus on building the infrastructure necessary for our future. Don Young will forever live in my heart and I will forever be a "Young Woman".

HILLEL WEINBERG

DY Legislative Assistant (1978–79)

While I was a New Yorker, my resume (sent by the placement office) got me an

interview and I was hired in 1978 as a legislative assistant. (I used to tell people that Alaskans were Alaskans for a reason and were typically uninterested in living in Washington, unlike folks from some other parts of the country.) I had some Hill experience but this was my first full-time job. I was put to work on a lot of interesting issues, such as "Is a hovercraft REALLY a "vessel" for the purposes of the Jones Act? Is there something we can do to make them more available in the Bush?"

Don was sympathetic to the Air Line Pilots Association, an AFL-CIO union that was on strike against the then-dominant intrastate carrier Wien Air Alaska over the issue of whether there should be a third pilot in a Boeing 737. This issue was critical to the union as a whole and the Wien pilots were getting significant strike pay from the union, but it was really costing the members. Because the rest of the employees of the airline were organized by the (then-non-AFL-CIO) Teamsters who did not respect the pilots' picket lines, the airline had broken the strike and it was unclear how it could be settled. President Carter refused to intervene under the Railway Labor Act (yes, airlines are "railways"). Don had me work on a "little amendment" to the Airline Deregulation Act that **required** the President to set up a board to try to settle it—because, we explained, "Alaska was different." It had nothing to do with airline deregulation, of course, but Don made things happen. The amendment was enacted, a Presidential Emergency Board was appointed, and eventually the pilots went back to work. (Unfortunately for the union, the 3-pilot rule ended.)

Aside from Don's many kindnesses to me both when I was working and as we encountered one another through my own long career on the Hill, what truly set him apart was his devotion to his family. I had been exposed to a fair number of members and the Hill culture, and I knew that many members either enjoyed (or felt that they had to attend) the many receptions and dinners that were available to them. They could be entertaining and politically helpful. They were not for Don.

The minute he possibly could, he was out of the office and on his way to his place in Virginia to be with his family. His values and his priorities were obviously in the right place. He was devoted to his family in a truly exemplary way, as we have heard in the tributes that have been paid to him over the years and since his passing. That was the real Don Young.

BOB HERRON

State Staffer, Station Bethel Delegation Office

If Don gave you his word, even if it proved painful in the future, his word was gold. A few quotes from Don Young:

"If I tell you the sky is blue, it's blue, and if the sun is up, it's up, and there is no in-between."

"Some other members of Congress put their fingers up to see which way the wind is blowing."

CONGRESSIONAL SPORTSMEN'S FOUNDATION

"On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff of the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation (CSF), we mourn the passing of Congressman Don Young; a lifelong outdoorsman and tireless champion for hunting and angling. Representative Young was a founder, past Chairman and active Member of the bipartisan Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus, and was a conservation giant, whose legacy will benefit future generations of Americans. Our thoughts and prayers are with family and friends, and the halls of Congress will

miss his larger than life personality," said CSF President & CEO Jeff Crane.

HOWARD F. GRANT

HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 4, 2022

Mr. NORCROSS. Madam Speaker, Master Gunnery Sergeant (MGySgt) Howard F. Grant has been a resident of Bellmawr, New Jersey for over four decades and has dedicated his life to his community and our country. In 1969, at the age of eighteen he joined the United States Marine Corps to valiantly defend our great nation overseas. He served two tours in Vietnam, and fought in the Khesagh, Peiko, Hue City and the Quang Tre Province.

In recognition of his service to our country, MGySgt Grant earned the Bronze Star Medal for heroic service, the Silver Star Medal for valor in combat, and the Purple Heart Medal for wounds sustained on behalf of our nation's defense. In 1990, MGySgt Grant completed his time in the United States Marine Corps after more than two decades of courageous service.

In continuing his dedication to serving his community and country, MGySgt Grant went on to volunteer for the Office of Veterans Affairs, coordinating the placement of flags on the graves of veterans in St. Mary's and Resurrection Cemeteries. He also served his community through his participation in multiple Borough of Bellmawr functions such as the 4th of July Parade, Golf Tournaments and Scholarship programs for the Borough and Black Horse Pike Regional School District.

In his retirement, MGySgt Grant currently serves as Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9563 and has served as a representative for both Memorial Day and Veteran's Day programs. MGySgt Grant previously served as the Commander for American Legion Post 72, and has supported programs at the Vineland Veteran's Hospital, Thanksgiving food drives and Christmas gift drives.

HONORING THE 2021 FELLOWS OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF INVENTORS

HON. GREG STANTON

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 4, 2022

Mr. STANTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 164 inventors who will soon be inducted as the 2021 Fellows of the National Academy of Inventors (NAI) in an induction ceremony in Phoenix, Arizona that will feature a keynote address by U.S. Commissioner for Patents, Andrew Hirshfeld. To be named as a Fellow, these men and women were nominated by their peers and have undergone the scrutiny of the NAI Selection Committee, having had their innovations deemed as making significant impact on quality of life, economic development and welfare of society.

Collectively, this elite group holds over 4,800 patents. This year's class of Fellows in-

cludes individuals from 118 research universities and non-profit research institutes spanning across the United States and the world. The now 1,567-member group of Fellows is composed of more than 200 senior leaders of research universities and nonprofit research institutes, over 600 members of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine; 45 inductees of the National Inventors Hall of Fame, 63 recipients of the U.S. National Medal of Technology and Innovation and U.S. National Medal of Science, 45 Nobel Laureates, 450 AAAS Fellows, 314 IEEE Fellows and 251 Fellows of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences, among other awards and distinctions. The NAI was founded in 2010 to recognize and encourage inventors with patents issued from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, enhance the visibility of academic technology and innovation, encourage the disclosure of intellectual property, educate and mentor innovative students and translate the inventions of its members to benefit society.

We are greatly indebted to innovators such as the ones being inducted for their contributions to society through their inventions. I commend these individuals, and the organizations and taxpayers that support them, for the work they do to revolutionize the world we live in. As the following inventors are inducted, may it encourage future generations to strive to meet this high honor and continue the spirit of discovery and innovation.

The 2021 NAI Fellows include:

Katerina Akassoglou, University of California—San Francisco; Norma A. Alcantar, University of South Florida; Zhiqiang An, University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston; Treena Arinze, New Jersey Institute of Technology; Andrea Armani, University of Southern California; Santokh S. Badesha, Purdue University; Sanjay Banerjee, The University of Texas at Austin; Ravi Bellamkonda, Duke University; Ronald D. Berger, Johns Hopkins University; Madan M. Bhasin, Louisiana State University.

Greg E. Blonder, Boston University; Jef D. Boeke, NYU Langone Health; Thomas Boland, The University of Texas at El Paso; Xandra O. Breakefield, Massachusetts General Hospital Research Institute; Joan F. Brennecke, The University of Texas at Austin; Marcel P. Bruchez, Carnegie Mellon University; Vladimir Bulović, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Anthony N. Caruso, University of Missouri-Kansas City; Babu Chalamala, Sandia National Laboratories; Joseph Chappell, University of Kentucky.

Shaochen Chen, University of California, San Diego; Shigao Chen, Mayo Clinic; Yingying Chen, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey; Shih Cheng-Yen, Tzu Chi University of Science and Technology; Tze-Chiang Chung, The Pennsylvania State University; William W. Clark, University of Pittsburgh; Stuart L. Cooper, The Ohio State University; Max D. Cooper, Emory University; Gerard L. Cote, Texas A&M University; Douglas F. Covey, Washington University in St. Louis.

Gregory P. Crawford, Miami University; Ronald G. Crystal, Weill Cornell Medicine; Fa F. Dai, Auburn University; Ted M. Dawson, Johns Hopkins University; Ananth Dodabalapur, The University of Texas at Austin; Patricia Donahoe, Massachusetts General Hospital Research Institute; Elmoatazbellah Elnozahy, King Abdullah University of Science