

RECOGNIZING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF SAN JACINTO COLLEGE

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 19, 2022

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 60th anniversary of San Jacinto College, located in Harris County, Texas. For more than six decades, San Jacinto College has established itself as an educational trailblazer in the greater Houston area. The college has an outstanding reputation for providing affordable, high-quality instruction and training in more than 200 degrees and certificate programs.

On September 18, 1961, San Jacinto College first opened its doors to the citizens and communities of East Harris County in a rented storefront in downtown Pasadena, Texas. The newly-formed institution was named the East Harris County Union Junior College. Their initial enrollment of 876 students was, at the time, the largest for any junior college in Texas. In its second year of operation, the college was awarded full accreditation by the Texas Association of Colleges and Universities. A few decades later, in December of 1995, the college adopted its current name, the San Jacinto Community College District.

Over the past 60 years, San Jacinto College has opened additional campuses and centers, including San Jacinto College North in 1975, San Jacinto College South in 1979, a Martine Technology and Training Center in 2016, and a Generation Park Campus in 2020. The college also oversees the LyondellBasell Center for Petrochemical, Energy, and Technology in Pasadena and the EDGE Center at the Houston Spaceport in Houston.

To date, San Jacinto College has awarded certificates and associate degrees to more than 93,000 graduates. Additionally, since 1980, 175,000 continuing enrollments have helped create a skilled workforce across the greater Houston region. For their outstanding efforts in 2017 and 2021, the Aspen Institute recognized San Jacinto College as one of the top five community colleges in the nation.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to represent several of San Jacinto College's campuses and centers and congratulate them for more than half a century of excellence in education. I have no doubt that they will continue to enrich the workforce and surrounding communities for decades to come.

HONORING ALICIA TULLO AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, Alicia Tullo was born in Mindanao, Southern Philippines. She attended the San Pedro College School of Nursing and earned her bachelor's degree

in nursing from Far Eastern University in the Philippines. She also earned a bachelor's degree in Health and Human Sciences from Lynn University in Boca Raton, Florida. She later earned a master's degree in Nursing Administration and Education from Mountain State University, West Virginia.

Mrs. Tullo has held several positions in the medical field. She is so passionate about her field that she has dedicated her time to teaching others. Mrs. Tullo has worked as a Nurse Educator at Mount Sinai Medical Center, Miami Dade College School of Nursing, Everest University in Healthcare Administration programs, and the American College for Medical Careers in Orlando.

Mrs. Tullo was previously the Director of Nursing Services at John F. Kennedy Hospital in Palm Beach, Florida. She also owned and operated a medical billing company and consulted in physician practice management. Mrs. Tullo also owned and operated a free-standing breast imaging & diagnostic center in Maitland, Florida. She has held the position of Program Director at Remington College and is currently an adjunct professor.

Her contributions to our community do not end there. Mrs. Tullo is a member of Rotary International. She previously served on the Board of Trustees for the YMCA/YWCA, Community Health Services of Muscatine County, Iowa. She is currently serving as the President of the Philippine Nurses Association of Central Florida. Mrs. Tullo also organized a nutrition program for an Elementary School in a remote village in the Southern Philippines and conducts medical missions to remote villages in the Southern Philippines every 2 years.

Mrs. Tullo is an active member of Sigma Theta Tau, an Honor Society in Nursing. She currently serves as Board of Trustees for the Philippine Nurses Association of America Foundation providing humanitarian relief services to victims of disease and disasters in the Philippines.

She is a Girl Scouts leader and lifetime member. She has served as a lector and Eucharistic minister at various churches for over 50 years. Mrs. Tullo has served as the Board of Directors for the Philippine Cultural Foundation of Florida, which works to educate Filipino Americans and the general public about the culture of the Philippines. She is also an active member of the Florida Action Coalition, which aims to advance the nursing profession and ensure that all Floridians can access safe, high quality health care.

Mrs. Tullo is married to a physician and has one daughter.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MR. MARK E. HAMISTER

HON. CHRIS JACOBS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 19, 2022

Mr. JACOBS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor the life of Mark E. Hamister, who passed away on August 20, 2021, at the young age of 69.

Mr. Hamister was born on October 18, 1951, in Western New York, where he lived

most of his life. Mr. Hamister's love of Western New York led to his unwavering devotion to our region and dedication to improving the lives of its residents.

Mr. Hamister's entrepreneurial spirit began at 15 years old when he started two businesses, a neighborhood lawn mowing business and Kenmore Engine Service. Later, while part of Junior Achievement he invented the O-Cello sponge. While attending Rochester Institute of Technology, he established RIT Students Cooperative, Inc. From RIT he worked his way to become the Administrator of the Shire at Culverton Assisted Living Facility. On June 1, 1977, he officially launched his career after buying an assisted living residence in LeRoy, NY and founded National Health Care Affiliates, Inc. After improving his first assisted living residence, he purchased others over the next 44 years. In 1998, he entered the professional sports business. He was awarded an expansion franchise in the Arena Football League for Buffalo, the Buffalo Destroyers. Mr. Hamister grew Hamister Group, LLC into one of the top investors in middle-market hotels and senior housing residences. Today, Hamister Group, LLC manages over 20 properties that employs over 900 people, spanning seven states.

Dedicated to making Buffalo, and Western New York as a whole, the best place it could be, Mr. Hamister was willing to work with anyone to help improve our region. Mr. Hamister was involved in numerous local organizations with community business leaders that worked to improve the City of Buffalo. He was actively involved in several local civic groups, boards of directors, and organizations, including the Republican National Committee, Invest Buffalo Niagara, the Erie County Industrial Development Agency, Empire State Development, Erie County Cultural Resources Advisory Board, University at Buffalo, Rochester Institute of Technology, Shea's Performing Arts Center, and Buffalo Seminary. His involvement and dedication to his community was recognized with numerous well-deserved awards for his entrepreneurship and leadership. These awards include the Buffalo Business First Lifetime Achievement Award, being named a Junior Achievement Hall of Fame Laureate, and in 1992, Mr. Hamister was named as an Entrepreneur of the Year for New York State. Nationally recognized repeatedly, as one of the fastest growing companies with Inc. 500/5000 magazine and a member of the Inc. 500/5000 Hall of Fame.

Mr. Hamister also founded the Mark E. Hamister Foundation, which supports education, healthcare, and community service programs. The foundation primarily supports Western New York, Raleigh, NC and Southern Florida. The Foundation has supported organizations such as the University at Buffalo, Roswell Park, Cleveland Clinic, St. Gregory's Episcopal Church of Boca Raton, the Junior Achievement program, and the National Comedy Center to name a few.

Mr. Hamister was a devoted son, husband, father and grandfather. He had a strong faith and instilled his values into his family and Hamister Group, which laid the foundation of the company's culture.

Madam Speaker, please join me in celebrating Mr. Hamister's life, in honoring his work, and all his achievements.

HONORING LAW ENFORCEMENT

HON. ANDY BIGGS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BIGGS. Madam Speaker, this week a grateful nation honored law enforcement by celebrating National Police Week. My gratitude to our law enforcement professionals and their families cannot be overstated. Their sacrifices, in the defense of and service to our communities, are worthy of recognition and humble thanks.

Those lost in the line of duty this past year from agencies within Arizona's Fifth Congressional District include:

Maricopa County Sheriff's Deputy Juan Miguel Ruiz, End of Watch Monday, October 11, 2021

Maricopa County Sheriff's Lieutenant Chad Owen Brackman, End of Watch Wednesday, November 10, 2021

Maricopa County Detention Officer Kendall Leroy Thomas, End of Watch Friday, September 10, 2021

Chandler Police Officer Lyndon Tyler Britt, End of Watch Monday, January 11, 2021

Chandler Police Officer Jeremy Martin Wilkins, End of Watch Friday, December 17, 2021

Chandler Police Officer Christopher Allan Farrar, End of Watch Friday, April 30, 2021

To illustrate the bravery and selflessness of these men, I wish to share the account of Chandler Police Officer Farrar and Gilbert Police Officer Rico Aranda.

Last year, deputies with the Pinal County Sheriff's Office were in pursuit of a known felon. Understanding full well that the suspect had already fired shots at the responding deputies and their lives may be in peril, Officer Farrar and Officer Aranda entered the pursuit. The suspect entered a car dealership in Chandler where he stole a truck. He then turned this vehicle against the officers, striking Officer Farrar and Officer Aranda, causing both to suffer critical injuries. Officer Farrar succumbed to his injuries, while Officer Aranda is still on the path to full recovery.

While in the hospital, Officer Aranda was visited by his Chief and was asked about his future plans. The Chief expressed gratitude for his sacrifice and, knowing the long road ahead, told him there would be no shame if he decided to retire after this incident. Officer Aranda looked him in the eye and told him, "Nah dawg, I'm gonna be Chief one day."

This is but one of countless examples of the bravery, dedication, and honor with which our law enforcement professionals serve. The people of Arizona's Fifth Congressional District are grateful. We stand with them. We support them. And we will always back the blue.

**HONORING ANDREW HENGSTLER
FOR EARNING THE HUSKY 100
AWARD AT THE UNIVERSITY OF
WASHINGTON**

HON. JAIME HERRERA BEUTLER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate

Andrew Hengstler from Vancouver, Washington on being awarded the Husky 100 from the University of Washington.

The University of Washington Husky 100 program recognizes 100 undergraduate and graduate students from all campuses and all areas of study who are making the most of their time while attending university. Recipients of the Husky 100 are successfully connecting what happens inside the classroom to the outside, they're helping make a difference on campus and in their communities, and they are preparing for an ambitious and successful future. Andrew is no exception.

Andrew is pursuing his bachelor's in Construction Management at the University of Washington. After graduation, Andrew wants to use his degree and experience to "develop built environments that encourage community collaboration, where people are not separated by class or culture." His current activities and goals led to Andrew earning this recognition.

Once again, I want to congratulate Andrew on earning this honor and I wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

**HONORING RANDELL "RANDY"
IWASAKI FOR HIS DEDICATED
PUBLIC SERVICE**

HON. JERRY McNERNEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McNERNEY. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join in celebrating the service and achievements of Randell "Randy" Iwasaki, who is retiring from his position as Executive Director of the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA).

Randy joined CCTA as Executive Director in 2010 after a 26-year career with the California Department of Transportation, where he served as Director after holding various engineering and management positions. Under Randy's guidance, CCTA completed high-profile, long-term projects such as the fourth bore of the Caldecott Tunnel and widening State Route 4 in eastern Contra Costa County. He and his team also worked on pioneering projects, such as creating the largest secure and connected autonomous vehicle proving ground in the nation. They also championed legislation and secured funding to pilot the first system of low-speed multi-passenger shared autonomous vehicles without steering wheels, brake pedals, accelerators, or operators on public roads in the United States.

Under Randy's leadership, CCTA's work has been as diverse as Contra Costa County itself. In addition to the work in autonomous vehicles, CCTA has expanded bicycle transportation and facilities, increased ferry service, created an electric vehicle readiness blueprint for the County, bolstered recreational opportunities in conjunction with other regional agencies, and even constructed maps to make it safer for children to get to school.

Randy has been a good steward of public resources, and his efforts have not gone unrecognized. His agency received the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association for eight consecutive years, as well as the Silver Medal for Good Government from the Contra Costa Taxpayers Association.

Randy's commitment to providing the public with the highest level of service is an example to all. I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Randell "Randy" Iwasaki's exceptional service to the people of California and in wishing him a happy, well-deserved retirement.

**HONORING THE LIFE OF ROBERT
"BOBBY" DONALD VENTI**

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following obituary for Robert "Bobby" Donald Venti:

Robert "Bobby" Donald Venti, 75, of East Hartford, beloved husband of Roberta A. (Farrell) Pacheco, passed away peacefully at home with his loving family by his side on Saturday, March 26, 2022. Born in Hartford on July 24, 1946, he was the son of the late Joseph and Eleanor (LaMacchia) Venti and had lived in the East Hartford area his entire life. Bobby was a graduate of East Hartford High School. He was a proud decorated veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during the Vietnam War, earning a Bronze Star medal. Bobby worked as a lithographer in the printing business for many years. He was a member of the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 120 of Greater Hartford, American Legion Post #133 of South Windsor, and VFW Post #2046, where he was currently serving as Post Commander. He also belonged to the Army/Navy Club of Manchester and the Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 17. He was an organizer and Master of Ceremonies of the Manchester Veteran's Parade and was involved with Veteran's Row at the Manchester Road Race. Bobby was also an animal lover and an avid gardener, who was especially proud of his award winning roses.

In addition to his wife Roberta, Bobby will be forever missed by his two sons, Adam Pacheco of Derby and Joshua Pacheco and wife Chelsea of Broad Brook; and his two adored grandchildren, Robert C. Pacheco and Caroline J. Pacheco, both of Broad Brook. He is also survived by his brother, James Venti of Bristol; five sisters, Gloria Venti of Ellijay, GA, Joan Lugo and husband Rene of Cummings, GA, Elizabeth Pinney of East Hartford, Carol Schwager of Port Ritchie, FL and Mary Jacques and husband Robert of Glastonbury; as well as many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews; and dear friends. He was predeceased by two brothers, John Venti and Joseph Venti.

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SWAMI AS A DISTINGUISHED
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Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, hailing from the southern part of India, Dr. Muthusamy