

IN RECOGNITION OF THE
RETIREMENT OF SHEILA CANZIAN

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2022

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sheila Canzian upon her retirement after 52 years of public service to the people of San Mateo. Sheila is the marathon runner of parks and recreation directors, having started as a summer playground leader and moved her way steadily upward over decades of service.

She grew up in San Mateo and was hired in 1970. About 79,000 residents were served by the parks of San Mateo at the time. Today, San Mateo has nearly 104,000 residents and the recreational amenities of the city have grown to meet the needs of this increased population. She manages over 35 parks, six community centers, the Marina Lagoon, Poplar Creek Golf Course, and numerous other amenities that make San Mateo a youthful and fun place to live on the peninsula. Sheila was instrumental in the development of the city's shoreline parks along the bayfront, the senior center, and the rebranding of Poplar Creek Golf Course.

While all parks in San Mateo have their own character, the crown jewel is the site of the old Kohi Mansion, affectionately known as Central Park. During the year, families enjoy the winter ice rink, modern and accessible playground equipment, and a stunning Japanese Garden that draws visitors from around the world. If you love Central Park, recognize that Sheila is the heart that allows Central Park to live. The rose garden and train are beloved and allow families to exercise together while enjoying amenities unusual in a city the size of San Mateo. The community recreation center has witnessed countless public events and is a gathering place for San Mateo's seniors. In dogged pursuit of keeping Central Park in fine fiddle, and even when city finances were strained, Sheila did a remarkable job of managing countless koi fish, hundreds of trees and numerous city managers. The koi and the trees were quick learners.

If 52 years of professional service do not prove the point, in 2021 Sheila was voted into the American Academy of Parks and Recreation Administration, a nationwide body dedicated to recognizing distinguished professionals. The California Parks and Recreation Society has inducted her into its Hall of Fame, and she once served as its President and Secretary. She serves on the board of the San Mateo Police Activities League, the San Mateo Parks Foundation, and on numerous community boards. As children are her professional focus, she also gives to the community as a board member of Peninsula Family Service and the Mills-Peninsula Hospital Foundation. She is a second-generation native of San Mateo and earned her BA from the University of San Francisco and an MPA from Notre Dame de Namur University.

No recitation of her love of community would be complete without mentioning her heartfelt support of the city's special relationship with the 101st Airborne Division and the sister city relationship San Mateo enjoys with

Toyonaka, Japan. In recent years, my staff remembers attending a meeting where the city's little league team took at least 30 minutes to explain to the city council the special time that the young people of San Mateo had as they played against, and with, their youthful counterparts in Toyonaka. Organizers par excellence of this opportunity were Sheila Canzian and her colleagues at the San Mateo Parks and Recreation Department.

Along with City Clerk Patricia Olds and community member Linda Patterson, Sheila Canzian organizes all events that honor Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade, of the 101st Airborne Division. The efforts of Sheila and hundreds of other San Mateo residents over the years since 1967 have boosted the morale of our troops and paid homage to their sacrifice for liberty on behalf of us all.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Sheila Canzian. If ever there was a case for pursuing a life of public service, I ask that we look at the public spaces nurtured by Sheila. The painter Claude Monet had his garden, and he built his life's work around its beauty. Sheila Canzian had a city, and her joyful work will be with us for generations yet to come.

DOLLY TRAVIS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dolly Anderson Travis of Lakewood, Colorado who will turn 100 years old on June 18, 2022.

Dolly Anderson Travis was born June 18, 1922 in Hazleton, Pennsylvania. Dolly's great-grandparents immigrated from Austria and Slovakia. Dolly's parents having only a grade school education valued education as a means to success in the United States and made it a priority for both her and her brother, Jan. When Dolly was 11 or so, her parents paid for a few piano lessons which they felt would provide a creative outlet for her and her brother. They both quickly discovered a prodigious talent for music. Within a year, Dolly and Jan were playing instrumental accompaniment for singers on Hazleton's radio station WAZL and at other public events. While at Julliard in the early 1940s, Dolly was recruited to participate in numerous musical and entertainment events sponsored by the United Service Organization, started in 1941 to entertain soldiers, sailors and airmen departing for overseas deployment during WWII. She subsequently played in many swing-era bands in New York City, where she played the piano, accordion, guitar and saxophone.

Dolly married a sailor from Brooklyn, New York in the early 1950s and moved to Denver, where she fell in love with the mountains and the great outdoors. She was fond of western, cowboy music and culture, and started a family in Thornton, a Denver suburb, where her son Mark and daughter June would grow up.

Dolly loves to shop for unique items and collectibles from the many indoor malls that dot the Denver landscape. Villa Italia mall in

Lakewood, a suburb of Denver, was one of her favorites, offering a large variety of merchandise at so many price points. She particularly enjoyed the grilled cheese sandwiches that Woolworth offered in their restaurants in the early days of the mall and throughout their Denver locations. She enjoyed taking her children to the Sinclair dinosaur exhibit in Villa Italia's parking lot, featuring lifelike recreations of dinosaurs which Sinclair would host in Denver and other cities during the 1960s.

Dolly still plays the piano, walks without assistance, and is addicted to blueberry and cherry pies. Dolly has an unfinished concerto she's been composing for years, loves reading the funnies, and enjoys perusing tabloids and gossip magazines while hanging out at the local Starbucks.

Celebrating 100 years of age is a tremendous milestone and should be celebrated. It is my privilege to wish Dolly a very happy birthday and wish her all the best in the future.

**BUCHANAN HIGH SCHOOL
CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION**

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2022

Mr. UPTON. Madam Speaker, Buchanan High School has produced more than 10,000 hardworking, bright individuals over the last hundred years who have gone on to better our community for generations to come.

One hundred years ago Buchanan High School opened its doors for the very first time here. Twenty-five classrooms, an auditorium, a gymnasium and two offices were quickly filled with learning, listening and friendship. Over time this building has grown to accommodate increased enrollment and the ever-changing field of education.

I would like to personally thank each and every educator, administrator and staff member who made virtual learning possible for our students during the pandemic and laid the groundwork for us to return to in-person learning. It truly is good to be back to some normalcy, but we must not forget the difficulties we faced not too long ago. The dedicated folks here at Buchanan High School made sure that every student had access to the internet and a dedicated laptop to learn, making sure that no student was left behind. Under the leadership of many principals, first Floyd Early when Buchanan High School opened its doors and a century later under Stacey DeMaio, Buchanan High School has continued to "Develop responsible, resilient, creative citizens capable of succeeding in a global society."

I am eager to see the accomplishments Buchanan High School will achieve over these next one hundred years and the progress made both here in this building and by alumni across the world.

And lastly, Go Bucks.

RECOGNIZING 96-YEAR-OLD WAR HERO JOHN THOMAS WILLETT, A SURVIVOR OF THE USS "LSM-169" SHIP THAT HAD TO BE EVACUATED AFTER HITTING AN ENEMY MINE DURING WWII

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2022

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor John Thomas Willett, a Buffalo native who barely survived when the ship he was serving on hit an enemy mine while he was serving our great nation as a Seaman First Class in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Mr. Willett was born in Buffalo, New York in 1926 where he attended high school before enlisting in the United States Navy in 1943 at the age of 17. He spent most of his service in the Asiatic Pacific Theater during World War II. He was stationed on the USS *LSM-169* where he participated in numerous battles including the Battle of Corregidor, Luzon and Manila Bay-Bicol Operations where he achieved the rank of Seaman First Class.

On February 15, 1945 the USS *LSM-169* struck a mine off the coast of the Mariveles Harbor in the Philippines. A massive explosion caused fires on the ship but Seaman First Class Willett was on the other side of the ship and miraculously survived. The USS *LCS-48* and the USS *PC-1133* came to the rescue and saved as many service members as possible. Unfortunately, some service members lost their lives. Although he survived, after being pulled from the water and helping to rescue others, Seaman First Class Willett suffered shrapnel wounds and hearing loss due to the explosion but continued his service until he was honorably discharged from the Navy on April 14, 1946.

Upon returning home and graduating high school, John worked at Buffalo's grain elevators while attending college at night on the GI bill and got married. He enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserves on February 9, 1951 and spent the next few months training at Camp Pendleton in California during the Korean conflict. He officially was discharged from military service on September 1st of the same year he returned home to Buffalo to be with his wife and four children. He is still married to his wife of 73 years, Mildred and his family eventually grew to 12 children, 31 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren. He worked in the Aerospace industry for almost 40 years, retiring from MOOG to pursue woodworking, athletics and volunteer work including Meals on Wheels, Habitat for Humanity, to name just a few.

I am proud to recognize the bravery of World War II Veteran John Thomas Willett.

CONGRATULATING ANDREW LISTER FOR RECEIVING THE GOLDEN APPLE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2022

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Andrew Lister, a teacher from

Orion High School, for receiving the Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching from the Golden Apple Foundation.

The Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching recognizes and honors our most outstanding teachers for the positive and lasting impact they have on our students' lives and our community as a whole. Mr. Lister is one of 10 award recipients in Illinois—selected out of 400 nominations of 9 through 12 grade teachers. I'm so glad to see Mr. Lister recognized for inspiring students at Orion High School and his overall contributions to the Orion community.

It is because of committed and honorable educators such as Mr. Lister that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Andrew Lister for receiving the Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching.

HONORING JEAN MORALES-RAMOS

HON. RICK W. ALLEN

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2022

Mr. ALLEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my constituent, Jean Morales-Ramos, upon his acceptance to the United States Naval Academy.

As a future midshipman, he will be joining the ranks of the world's most elite naval force, guided by the motto: "Semper Fortis".

The service and sacrifice of America's military personnel have safeguarded our Nation since its inception, defending our way of life from Lexington to Normandy.

And throughout our history, American servicemembers have demonstrated tremendous courage and strength, beating back tyranny to the ends of the earth.

I was glad to sponsor Jean's nomination and I am confident that his talents will distinguish him among his peers during his time at the Academy and thereafter.

I congratulate Jean, and know he will make this Nation proud.

RECOGNIZING GAME WARDEN AARON KAMMANN

HON. MATTHEW M. ROSENDALE, SR.

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2022

Mr. ROSENDALE. Madam Speaker, I want to recognize the outstanding work of Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks' Region 3 Gallatin District Game Warden, Mr. Aaron Kammann from Bozeman, Montana.

Montana's game wardens have a responsibility to provide protection for Montana's diverse and highly treasured natural resources, and Warden Kammann's actions exemplify proper stewardship of the Treasure State and commitment to Montana values and outdoor traditions.

In addition, Mr. Kammann regularly brings confiscated and damaged wild game to a local food bank, FoodArk, which processes and distributes meat to those in need. His work ethic embodies the core principles of duty, selfless-

ness, and resourcefulness, and Montana is grateful for his public service.

I thank Aaron for serving the people of Montana.

RECOGNIZING CORPORAL PATRICK DANIEL MCKEE

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2022

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding constituent from my district, Patrick Daniel McKee. After 29 years of service with the Plumstead Township Police Department, Corporal McKee is retiring. Born and raised in Plumstead, Patrick graduated Central Bucks East High School and then began working in the auto repair field, finding such success that he owned and operated his own repair and service station. In December 1992, Patrick decided to attend the Montgomery County Community College Police Academy. By April 1993, he was hired by his hometown police department in Plumstead Township as a full-time, sworn police officer. Throughout his time with the department, he served as a Detective and attended numerous training programs related to investigations, including the highly regarded FBI Intercounty Detective Training Program in 1998. By 2004, Patrick was promoted to the rank of Corporal and given the responsibility of overseeing a squad of patrol officers. Patrick also served as one of the department's Firearms Instructors and armorer, training law enforcement officers in the proper use and safe handling of firearms.

Throughout Corporal McKee's career, his commitment to service has not gone unnoticed. Members of the community writing to the department have expressed thanks for Patrick's gracious, friendly, and respectful demeanor both in and out of uniform. He has also received letters of commendation from the Bucks County District Attorneys' Office and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole, to name just a couple. Patrick has proven himself to be an officer committed to protecting and defending his hometown and his neighbors.

We are incredibly grateful for the positive impact that Corporal Patrick Daniel McKee has had throughout his long career of public service, and we wish him countless blessings during his retirement.

INTRODUCTION OF THE VETERANS LEGAL SUPPORT ACT OF 2022

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2022

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the Veterans Legal Support Act of 2022, which would allow the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to provide support to law school clinical programs that provide pro bono legal and support services to veterans, including assistance with disability claims and appeals and foreclosures. There are already at least 22 law schools that have clinics devoted to veterans' legal needs, including the