

HONORING JOHN B. BILLINGSLEY,
JR.

HON. BETH VAN DUYNE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2022

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor John B. Billingsley, Jr., Founder, Chairman and CEO of Tri Global Energy, headquartered in the 24th Congressional District, which I proudly represent. John has been widely recognized as a pioneer and industry leader for his vision and contributions to the development of renewable energy in Texas and the U.S., including by D CEO Magazine.

Recently, Billingsley was named Renewable Energy Executive of the Year by D CEO magazine as a part of their annual Energy Awards. The awards honor excellence and innovation in oil and gas from North Texas to the Permian Basin and for the first time, this award included the category of renewable energy. In addition to the designation for the annual Energy Awards, D CEO magazine also named John Billingsley to its recently announced Dallas 500 list. The list—now in its 7th year—features the Dallas/Fort Worth region's most influential leaders in more than 50 different industry categories.

Tri Global Energy is a Dallas-based originator and developer of utility-scale renewable energy projects including wind, solar, and energy storage. Founded over 12 years ago by Billingsley, the company today is the largest wind power developer in Texas (the state that leads the U.S. in wind development), and a top 10 developer of wind power nationally. In Texas alone, Tri Global Energy renewable energy projects represent over \$800 million in taxes and royalties to local communities, \$105 million in payments to landowners and investors, and \$6.8 billion in capital investments projected over 30 years.

Billingsley, a West Texas native and Texas Tech University graduate, has founded and operated more than 20 businesses in industries as diverse as accounting and banking to agriculture, real estate, and manufacturing. He founded Tri Global Energy based on a business model of involving local landowners and communities in wind power projects, and he has led the company through more than a decade of growth and expansion.

I want to express my appreciation and best wishes to John Billingsley upon his impressive recognitions by D CEO magazine. North Texas was built by visionary leaders and entrepreneurs like Billingsley and we are proud that he has chosen the 24th Congressional District as his company headquarters.

TRIBUTE IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM PETRY

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of Eastern Kentucky's fallen heroes, William Edward Petry, a 31-year law enforcement veteran who was 1 of 3 officers killed in the line of duty in Allen, Kentucky.

Petry served 14 years with the Prestonsburg Police Department and 15 years with Kentucky State Police, earning the prestigious Post 9 Trooper of the Year Award. Not long after his retirement, Petry was eager to continue his lifelong passion to serve and protect his community, leading him to the Floyd County Sheriff's Office where he dedicated his final two years of service. The best law enforcement officers will tell you that it isn't a job, it's a calling; and it was with great courage of conviction that Deputy Petry lived to protect the people of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and especially those in Floyd County.

President Theodore Roosevelt, who was a former commissioner of the New York City Police Department once said, "No man is worth his salt, who is not ready at all times to risk his body, to risk his well-being, to risk his life in a great cause." On Thursday, June 30, 2022, Deputy Petry was the first officer to pay the ultimate sacrifice as he valiantly answered the call of duty to protect others in Floyd County.

His heroic death was the greatest display of love described in John 15:13, "Greater love has no man than this: to lay down his life for his friends."

In a Nation where police forces have been vilified in recent years by the actions of a few bad actors, may Deputy Petry's life be a reminder of the outstanding integrity and sacrifice that the thin blue line represents. We must continue to support our law enforcement officers across the United States, ensuring they are fully equipped, adequately prepared, and never at the mercy of evildoers.

Petry's entire life was dedicated to serving others, and not only with a police badge. He was also the current Fire Chief for the Martin Fire Department, a member of John W. Hall Mason Lodge No. 950 where he was Past Master, and a member of the Oleika Shriners Temple in Lexington, Kentucky.

The Commonwealth of Kentucky owes a great debt of gratitude for the life and service of Deputy William Petry. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Sherry, their son Chase, daughter Courtney (Shane), their grandchildren, and the widespread band of brothers and sisters in uniform who served alongside Deputy Petry throughout his career.

CONGRATULATING SCHUYLERVILLE BASEBALL ON THEIR STATE FINALS RUN

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Schuylerville baseball on their excellent season culminating in a New York state championship game. This was the second consecutive state finals appearance by the Dark Horses after the last two seasons were canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Schuylerville Dark Horses showed great resilience and determination throughout their state finals run. They started the year with six early losses but turned their season around and won nine consecutive games on their way to the finals. In the semifinals, the Dark Horses found themselves down two to nothing

in the second inning. They fought hard and climbed their way back to victory over Maine-Endwell High School. In this game, senior pitcher Ryan Dow gave up only seven hits, struck out five batters, and drove in a run in the fourth inning.

In the state championship game against Spackenkill, Schuylerville again found themselves in a position where they needed to fight their way back, trailing four to one in the middle of the game. The Schuylerville team, as they have done all season long, showed great resilience by tying the game up in the fifth and holding on to force extra innings. Carson Patrick, a Schuylerville senior, contributed to this comeback with a triple that drove in two runs. Though they eventually fell six to four in the eighth inning, this Schuylerville team fought to the very end.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, it is my honor to recognize the great accomplishments of the Schuylerville baseball team. We are very proud of the Dark Horses for their hard work and dedication, and we can't wait to see what they accomplish in the future.

HONORING PAUL SWEIGERT, M.D.

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Paul Sweigert, M.D. in celebration of his outstanding medical career in Napa County.

Dr. Sweigert was born and raised in Sacramento, California, and graduated from Jesuit High School in Carmichael. He received a bachelor's degree in physical therapy in 1981 from California State University, Fresno. He then graduated from Dartmouth Medical School in 1990 with a Doctor of Medicine.

Dr. Sweigert began his medical career at the Providence Medical Center in Portland, Oregon, studying internal medicine from 1990 to 1993. He then moved to Bath, Maine, to practice as a primary care physician. In 1997, Dr. Sweigert moved to Napa, where he joined the medical staff of the Queen of the Valley Medical Center. While working at the Queen of the Valley Medical Center, he also took over the practice of Dr. Alvin Lee Block in 1998 and launched Red Bike Medicine as a solo practitioner in 2014. He is revered in Napa County for his excellent medical care, hard work, and kind nature.

Dr. Sweigert has been a devoted member of the Napa Solano Medical Society (NSMS) and the California Medical Association (CMA) for 25 years. He was a CMA delegate from 2006 to 2012, NSMS president from 2007 to 2008, and a hospital representative to CMA's Organized Medical Staff Section from 2009 to 2013. On May 2, 2022, Dr. Sweigert received the Napa Solano Medical Society Professor Emeritus award in appreciation of his long and illustrious career as a physician, teacher, and friend.

In his free time, Dr. Sweigert enjoys traveling, gardening, bicycling, serving his community, and spending time with his family. Dr. Sweigert has held numerous community-related roles, including being a local soccer coach, a Board of Trustees member for Justin Sienna High School, and a member of the

Honoring Choices Napa Valley steering committee. Dr. Sweigert and his wife, Patricia, have two children, Kelsey and Eric. Following his retirement in 2022, Dr. Sweigert will move

to Bozeman, Montana, to be a full-time grandfather.

Madam Speaker, it is evident that Dr. Paul Sweigert has dedicated his life to the people

of Napa through his medical career. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.