

SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF MATT
POLKA'S RETIREMENT**HON. ROBERT E. LATTA**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 12, 2022

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the retirement of Mr. Matt Polka, the longtime Chairman and President of ACA Connects. Matt's tenure, from the inception of the organization to the effective organization it has become today, has been marked by his integrity and his earnest commitment to representing the small, hometown businesses that have built and managed the cable and broadband networks that Americans depend on. Matt also distinguished himself in Washington by his common decency, his love of a good conversation about politics, and a desire to help anyone he could.

Those values have been clearly shaped by his deep roots in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. There is not a person who worked with Matt that didn't know of his love and affection for his wife, Sharman, his daughters, Molly and Annie, and his pride in being from the Three Rivers area.

Under Matt's guidance and leadership, ACA Connects grew from an informal grassroots effort to being one of the preeminent telecommunications organizations in Washington. He ensured his members had a voice in all the important debates that have occurred since taking the helm of ACA Connects. Those efforts span the re-examination of the 1992 Telecommunications Act to each reauthorization of the satellite industry to the latest broadband deployment and adoption initiatives. His work was a mile wide and a mile deep.

Matt has helped my constituents in Ohio through his work to improve broadband infrastructure and access. Many of my constituents live in rural areas and Matt's advocacy has aided efforts to ensure that they can get online. Additionally, Matt has been a strong advocate for small businesses across the country and championed efforts to cut the bureaucratic red tape that hampers them.

ACA Connects earned its reputation through his unwavering vision and mantra to work with everyone, to find places of agreement, and to focus on common interests rather than focus on differences and partisanship. That approach has earned him the respect of so many Members, staff, and counsels across the Hill along with the various officials in administrations that have been in place during his time. The respect shown to Matt also comes from others—including consumer groups and businesses—even when his work puts him on opposite sides of an issue.

Guided by his faith, he has been a firm and determined advocate for his members and he has done so with conviction, character, and fairness. After 25 years of service to ACA Connects, I want to recognize his work and offer my best wishes for his next chapter of service in life.

DON DAVIS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Don Davis for his years of service as County Manager for Jefferson County, Colorado.

Throughout his five years as the County Manager, Don showed tremendous dedication, dependability, and leadership, directing the organizational and administrative operations of 3,000 employees and one of the largest counties in the state. As the fourth-most populous county in Colorado which serves as the gateway from the Denver Metro region to the Rocky Mountains, Jefferson County has had to face a variety of issues in recent years ranging from the COVID-19 pandemic and budget shortfalls to wildfire events and infrastructure challenges. At every turn, Don has led with a pragmatic and innovative approach.

Don began his post-graduate career as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps and served his country through numerous deployments to the Middle East. Following his 27 years of service in the U.S. military, he retired with the rank of Colonel in 2017.

Don has successfully navigated Jefferson County and its residents through an unprecedented pandemic while continuing to move the region forward on climate change issues and creating a better quality of life for all Jeff co residents. I am incredibly thankful for his service and dedication to the people of Jefferson County and wish him well in his future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING LAETICIA
JOINVILLE, ALAIN HUYNH, AN-
TONIO MORALES, JET NGUYEN,
AND CHANEL SEEPERSAD

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the five outstanding students from my district in the Broward County Public School System who have been recognized with the annual "Best in Class" award.

Each year, Broward County Public Schools recognizes high school seniors in the county who have had perfect attendance throughout their K-12 education. This impressive feat requires a continued commitment and dedication to their education. I am proud to join them in recognizing these exemplary students:

Laetitia Joinville from Sheridan High School, Alain Huynh from Deerfield Beach High School, Antonio Morales from Coral Springs High School, Jet Nguyen from Everglades High School, and Chanel Seepersad from Blanche Ely High School.

Once again, I give congratulations to these outstanding individuals. I wish them the best of luck with their future endeavors and continued academic success. It is with great pleasure that I honor them.

HONORING NORTH CAROLINA PO-
LICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR
TRAVIS SMITH**HON. RICHARD HUDSON**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Kannapolis Police Sergeant Travis Smith on being recognized as the 2021-2022 North Carolina Police Officer of the Year.

A native of Cabarrus County, Sergeant Smith graduated from Northwest Cabarrus High School in 1999 before joining the United States Marine Corps Reserve in 2000. He was deployed to Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom and served in the United States Army Reserves upon completing his assignment. In 2006, Sergeant Smith started with Kannapolis Police Department as a patrol officer. He became a Field Training Officer in 2014 and was later promoted to Sergeant in 2016. He continues to provide extraordinary service to his community as a member of Patrol Squad D.

Over the course of this career, Sergeant Smith has continuously demonstrated the highest level of sacrifice and bravery as a member of both the military and law enforcement. In 2013, he was awarded a Life Saving Award for rescuing a civilian from their burning home. His courageous action resulting in this previous distinction highlights just one example of his unassailable commitment to protecting and defending the residents of Kannapolis.

The North Carolina Police Officer of the Year award is sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) organization. Sergeant Smith was nominated by Kannapolis VFW Post 8989 and selected from a statewide field of qualified police officers. In being recognized as the 2021-2022 National Police Officer of the Year, Sergeant Smith is now also recognized as a National VFW Police Officer of the Year. Sergeant Smith has made an immeasurable impact on our community and is incredibly deserving of these distinctions. I would like to offer my sincerest appreciation and wish him success as he continues to serve and set an example for all in our community.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in honoring Sergeant Travis Smith as the 2021-2022 North Carolina Police Officer of the Year and wish him well as he continues his exemplary service to our community.

HONORING NAOMI FUCHS

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 12, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Naomi Fuchs, CEO of the Santa Rosa Community Health, for her outstanding contributions to the health care system in California's Fifth Congressional District.

Ms. Fuchs was born in Boston, Massachusetts. She earned a bachelor's degree in medical anthropology and world music and dance from Wesleyan University, and a master's degree in business of administration from Sonoma State University.

In 1970, Ms. Fuchs started as an assistant to a healthcare consultant. She spent the next five years as a healthcare consultant. Later, she served as the CEO for the Redwood empire Medical Group for 15 years. In 2001, Ms. Fuchs became the board president of Santa Rosa Community Health and served as president for 22 years.

As president of the Santa Rosa Community Health, Ms. Fuchs has worked tirelessly to provide quality and affordable healthcare to our community. Under her leadership, Santa Rosa Community Health expanded to encompass a health-center system with over 500 employees. Ms. Fuchs also helped Santa Rosa Community Health develop the Family Residency partnership with University of California San Francisco Medical School and Sutter Hospital. This partnership launched the first accredited Family Nurse Practitioner Residency program in the United States, established a Healthcare for the Homeless site, and oversaw the reconstruction of the Santa Rosa Community Health's largest medical center, the Vista Campus.

Additionally, Ms. Fuchs is an active member of our community. She has helped establish the Sonoma County Health Action Council and served as a member of the Redwood Community Health Coalition. To mark her vital contributions to our community, Ms. Fuchs was named 2018 Sonoma County Woman of the Year by State Senator Mike McGuire. After a 40-year career in public health, Ms. Fuchs retired in June 2022. During retirement, she looks forward to spending time with family and friends.

Madam Speaker, it is evident that through her leadership, Naomi Fuchs has left a remarkable impact on public health in Northern California. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor her here today.

HONORING PRETRIAL, PROBATION AND PAROLE WEEK 2022

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 12, 2022

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the nation's community supervision professionals and the many vital roles they play in their work with justice-involved adults and juveniles. They identify opportunities and services to help individuals contribute to society, while, at the same time, holding them accountable for their actions.

In honor of Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision Week 2022, we salute all of those who have chosen this important career. In the District of Columbia, we especially thank the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia and the Pretrial Services Agency for the District of Columbia and their employees for their work. Their work reflects the theme of Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision Week 2022, "Restoring Trust, Creating Hope."

As was the case last year, community supervision professionals have once again demonstrated great courage and resolve in continuing their work during the coronavirus pandemic. They have found innovative ways to remain connected with the people they supervise and to continue guiding them in the interest of public safety.

Community supervision agencies are valuable partners of government agencies, nonprofits, neighborhood-based groups, and all who strive to make our nation safer and stronger. We extend our gratitude to them and recognize their many achievements as we proclaim July 17–23, 2022, as Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision Week 2022.

HONORING LEAH SHOEMAKER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 12, 2022

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Leah Shoemaker. Leah recently competed in the U.S. Special Olympics and won gold in the long jump and mini javelin competitions, while also placing 5th in the 100-meter dash.

Leah is a St. Joseph native and while she has been involved in athletic competition for 17 years, 2022 was her first U.S.A. National Games. While she has certainly put in the hard work and discipline to make herself into a champion, her first inspiration was her mother, Jean Ann Davis. Jean Ann encouraged her to participate and remains Leah's greatest supporter and cheerleader. To excel in even one of these events is impressive, to excel and win against the best athletes in multiple sports is awe inspiring. Her example of hard work, dedication and excellence is deserving of being honored and commended.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in thanking Leah for her accomplishments and dedication that proudly represent the people of the Sixth Congressional District. I am proud to represent Leah Shoemaker in the United States House of Representatives.

RECOGNIZING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC RADIO

HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 12, 2022

Ms. KUSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 40th anniversary of New Hampshire Public Radio (NHPR).

For decades, NHPR's mission has always been to provide objective and engaging reporting for New Hampshire. Previously called the Granite State Public Radio, the independent public radio broadcasted for the first time in 1981. To this day, NHPR is the largest and only station that broadcasts state-wide.

NHPR has reported on key moments in New Hampshire's history such as the Challenger tragedy in 1986, New Hampshire's first in the nation primaries throughout the years, and more recently, the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic across the state. In 2021, NHPR began broadcasting in Spanish, a necessary expansion to include our state's ever-growing Spanish-speaking population. Recognized by the Radio Television Digital News Association, NHPR has won awards in digital, investigative reporting, hard news, and news documentary categories. NHPR has long stood as a backbone for state-wide news, and it is through

their important work that all Granite Staters are able to stay informed.

On behalf of my constituents across New Hampshire's Second Congressional District, I would like to thank and congratulate New Hampshire Public Radio for all the work they have done and will continue to do for our state.

HONORING JOHNNY LEE REYNOLDS, JR.

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 12, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a tenacious and self-motivated leader, Mr. Johnny Lee Reynolds, Jr. Mr. Reynolds has shown what can be done through hard work, dedication, and a desire to achieve success.

Mr. Reynolds received the Vicksburg Post Volunteer of the week for his volunteer services with United Way of West Central Mississippi as part of their Community Investment Committee.

Mr. Reynolds said he has volunteered his whole life because it was instilled in him as a part of his family support. He also stated that, "volunteering makes you of a part of your community."

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Johnny Lee Reynolds, Jr. for his passion and dedication to serve Warren County.

RECOGNIZING THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND'S CHAMPIONSHIP MEN'S LACROSSE TEAM

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 12, 2022

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 2022 National Championship winning University of Maryland Men's Lacrosse Team. This past season, Coach Tillman led the Terrapins to an undefeated 18-0 record. As a former University of Maryland lacrosse player, myself, I am proud to recognize this most outstanding achievement. I include in the RECORD a poem, penned by another former Terp, 1975 National Champion Bert Caswell.

TO BE THE BEST: ALL IN PERFECTION'S QUEST
(By Bert Caswell)

In every sport, on every team on fields of green . . . The Greatest Wish as seen "The need for speed" Top Gun . . . to be the best top gun, to become the slayer on fields of green to greatness run! "Watch it" 21 Pilots

In "The Danger Zone . . . the need for speed" Top Gun . . . you own.

The dream you dream on fields of green, like a lion defending their lair "Ba ba bad to the bone" George Thorogood

In the heat of battle with your warrior's heart terminating all on the scene

"We don't deal with outsiders very well, they say they have a certain smell . . . watch it" 21 Pilots

The only thing that counts, National champions above all the rest