

PRESIDENTIAL AWARDEE FOR EXCELLENCE

HON. PETE STAUBER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2022

Mr. STAUBER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Abe Schwartz, a math teacher at Bemidji Middle School, who has been honored with the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching.

Our children are our future, and teachers like Abe are absolutely critical in developing young leaders with a passion to learn and grow.

This is the nation's highest honor for teachers of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, and I am incredibly proud knowing that we have such a talented and enthusiastic educator in our great Eighth District preparing our next generations for ingenuity and greatness.

Congratulations again to Abe on this amazing accomplishment, and I thank him for his steadfast dedication to the students at Bemidji Middle School. I wish him nothing but success as he continues to mentor and lead his students to a bright future.

CONGRATULATING DEPUTY CHIEF BRIAN JOHNSON ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE MOLINE POLICE DEPARTMENT

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Deputy Chief Brian Johnson, who is retiring from the Moline Police Department after 22 years of service.

Deputy Chief Johnson's career in law enforcement began in January 2000 when he joined the nearby Silvis Police Department, where he stayed for two years. His father, a former Sergeant in the East Moline Police Department, helped steer him toward a career in public safety. He became an officer in the Moline Police Department in February 2002. Always looking to rise above the call of duty in protecting and serving his neighbors, Deputy Chief Johnson worked his way through the ranks. He served as Patrol Officer, Street Crimes Detective, Patrol Sergeant, Juvenile Investigations Sergeant, Patrol Lieutenant, Accreditation and Standards Lieutenant and Operations Captain, before being promoted to Deputy Chief in 2021. He is a graduate of Kewanee High School in Kewanee, Illinois, Western Illinois University, and Northwestern Illinois University's School of Police Staff and Command. Deputy Chief Johnson's contributions to the Quad Cities community will never be forgotten.

It is because of noble and fearless leaders such as Deputy Chief Brian Johnson that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again, formally congratulate Moline Police Department Deputy Chief Brian Johnson on his retirement and thank him for his 22 years of service to our community.

HONORING CITIZENS GUARANTY BANK

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2022

Mr. BARR. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Citizens Guaranty Bank on its 50th anniversary.

The bank was chartered in 1971 and Kentucky Governor Louie Nunn signed the charter. The bank opened in 1972 in Irvine, Kentucky. Over the years the bank has expanded its reach and opened offices in Richmond, London, and Stanton. It serves many customers living in the 6th Congressional District. The bank is locally owned and operated, with over 75 team members and seven locations. The mission of the bank is "To help our customers enhance their lives and achieve their dreams while actively supporting our communities where we live and work". Kathy Samples, who started with the bank in 1977, serves as Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the bank.

It is my honor to recognize the dedicated leaders and team members of Citizens Guaranty Bank. I congratulate them on their 50-year history, celebrate their many accomplishments, and look forward to a bright future of serving their customers.

RECOGNIZING THE SUFFERING OF THE SINDHI COMMUNITY IN PAKISTAN

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2022

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of the Sindhi Sufi people in Pakistan, and against the unconscionable human rights atrocities that have been inflicted upon them for years.

There is perhaps nowhere in the world more important for the United States to battle extremism with public diplomacy than Pakistan, a nuclear-armed state where numerous extremists over the years have unfortunately sought refuge from justice. Pakistan's third largest province of Sindh is a place of particular concern, where members of the local Sindhi community find themselves subject to intense and unfair government scrutiny.

Sindhi persons have also been notably absent from the high echelons of Pakistan's government. As of 2022, there has not been a single Sindhi speaking judge on the Supreme Court of Pakistan. Of deepest concern however are the many instances of human rights abuses against the community, including exceptional jail times for trumped up crimes of "blasphemy", beatings, harassment, and forced disappearances. In 2017 alone, many activists, budding politicians, teachers, and students were forcibly disappeared by authorities. The Center for Research and Security Studies based in Pakistan has reported nearly 1,500 accusations and cases of blasphemy. Out of these 18 women and 71 men have been killed extrajudicially between 1947 and 2021.

I was made aware of one such case by my constituents: the life sentence handed down to

one man, Notan Lal, the principal of a private school and member of Pakistan's Hindu minority who was accused of speaking blasphemously about the Prophet Muhammad. For this supposed infraction against the common good, he was arrested in 2019 and ultimately sentenced in February 2022 to 25 years in prison. No one should ever have to face a life in prison on such trumped-up charges.

There is a silver lining however, as Congress continues to hear the cries for help from the Sindhi community, we are answering with greater efforts to recognize and promote their importance. Sindh Caucus Co-Chair Representative Brad Sherman and I were especially grateful to see that our Caucus' efforts to see Voice of America promote additional material and resources in the Sindhi language. Nearly 14 percent of Pakistanis—over 30 million people—speak Sindhi, but there has unfortunately never been significant material in the language from VOA until now. With this new material, it will become easier to reach out to the Sindhi community in Pakistan, and for them to reach out into the world in turn.

The people of Pakistan—especially those in the Sindhi community—deserve respect for their human rights, regardless of creed or conviction. I urge my colleagues to continue to speak out for the Sindhi community in Pakistan and ensure that their human rights are respected.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF DARRELL FONSECA

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2022

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Darrell Fonseca who is retiring after 32 years as the City Manager of Dos Palos, California. Darrell Fonseca is currently the State of California's longest serving City Manager in a single city.

Born and raised in Dos Palos, Darrell Fonseca graduated from Dos Palos High School and attended Fresno State. After obtaining a minor in Philosophy and a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science, Darrell Fonseca went on to University of California Berkely, and received a Management of Water certificate, and graduated from Cal's Goldman School of Public Policy in Strategic Management of Public Organizations.

Darrell was a part of successful political campaigns, including the "Great Speakership War". One of his employees was a college student who later became President Barack Obama. He served as a floor manager at the National Convention for Gary Hart and was a key player in Hart's California primary campaign for president. At 28 years old, he was elected as a Delegate from the 15th Congressional District. Darrell knows how to work in many governmental positions. He was an intern for State Senator George Zenovich, a Legislative Assistant to then Assemblyman and future Congressman Jim Costa, an Associate Consultant to the Assembly Committee on Aging and Long-Term Care, Chief Consultant to the Select Committee on Energy & Agriculture, Assistant to the Majority Whip, and Administrator to Congressman Richard Lehman. Fonseca also worked for the Fresno

County Board of Supervisors, was interim Executive Director of the Fresno County and City Chamber of Commerce.

After the passing of his first wife at the age of 24 due to cancer, Fonseca moved back to Dos Palos to care for his parents. During that time, he served on the Economic Development Commission, and met the future Mayor, Ron Skinner, who encouraged him to apply for city manager and a new chapter in his life began. This decision led him as the city's 7th City Manager, its 14th CEO, 14th Police Commissioner, and the 15th City Clerk. As City Manager, Darrell worked with 10 mayors and 32 councilmembers.

He attributes his success to having a hard working and knowledgeable staff and by listening to their advice. Darrell has helped with the emergency services for nearby schools, Measure V, transportation improvements, paying off debts, helped in building a new water plant, and more. During his free time, Darrell spends time with his wife Maria. Together, they have three children, 8 grandchildren, and 1 great-grandson, and hosted a foreign exchange student from Ukraine.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Darrell Fonseca in his retirement after 32 years as the City Manager of Dos Palos, California and among California's 482 cities, currently holds the title as the State of California's longest serving city manager in a single city.

RECOGNIZING BILL TRUEIT FOR 33 YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE IN PUBLIC EDUCATION

HON. SUZAN K. DELBENE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2022

Ms. DELBENE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to thank Mr. Bill Trueit for 33 years of invaluable service to students and families in Washington's 1st Congressional District. I want to extend my sincerest congratulations and gratitude to Mr. Trueit on his retirement from Henry M. Jackson High School in Mill Creek, WA where he taught U.S. Government and Civics. I had the privilege of visiting his classroom every year possible and can speak directly to Mr. Trueit's passion for educating Washington's students. Under his tenure, countless students have been encouraged to pursue their dreams, learn new skills, and serve our communities. Bill's presence in our schools will be deeply missed, but his impact for Washington's students will not be soon forgotten. It is truly bittersweet to see him go.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. Trueit and wishing him the best in his retirement.

CONGRATULATING LESLIE HAYNES ON HER RETIREMENT AS A DISPATCHER FOR GALESBURG/KNOX COUNTY 9-1-1

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2022

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Leslie Haynes on her retire-

ment from her position as Dispatcher for Galesburg/Knox County 9-1-1.

Leslie is from the Galesburg area and began her career as a 9-1-1 dispatcher at Galesburg/Knox County 9-1-1 on October 9, 2000. During the first half of her career, she worked second shift, and later transitioned to first shift. Leslie is described as a wonderful and caring coworker. Her colleagues also described her as dedicated and hardworking. When life throws her difficult circumstances, Leslie maintains a positive attitude and continues to serve her community, which shows a great amount of strength. She leads by example, and she served the citizens of Knox County with compassion and unwavering dedication. Leslie is also a mother of two and grandmother of five.

It is because of community leaders like Leslie Haynes that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Leslie Haynes on her retirement from the Galesburg/Knox County 9-1-1 as a Dispatcher.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023

SPEECH OF

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 13, 2022

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of my amendment, Lee number three eight three, to repeal the 2002 Authorization for Use of Force against Iraq.

I want to thank my cosponsors, including Chairman MEEKS of the Foreign Affairs Committee, and Chairmen SMITH and McGOVERN for their support to permit me to offer this amendment.

This amendment is simple: it would terminate the outdated but still dangerous 2002 Authorization for Use of Military Force.

I say "outdated" because the 2002 AUMF no longer serves any operational purpose. U.S. military deployments and operations carried out under the 2002 AUMF—dubbed Operation Iraqi Freedom—officially concluded in 2011.

I say "dangerous" because the 2002 contained no sunset provision. Leaving this outdated and unnecessary authorization on the books allows Presidents to utilize it for military action Congress never intended to authorize.

This House has already voted three times to repeal this AUMF—most recently in June of last year, when the House adopted this same language by a vote of 268 to 161.

And last year, the President formally endorsed repeal of the 2002 AUMF, issuing a Statement of Administration Policy in favor of repeal, stating that the 2002 AUMF serves no purpose.

We cannot afford to leave outdated AUMFs on the books indefinitely. It is past time for Congress to finally do our Constitutional duty and vote on matters of war and peace.

Madam Speaker, nothing telegraphs America's indecision more than our failure to end wars that are long over. I urge all Members to support my amendment, repeal the 2002 AUMF, and assert our Article One responsibility to define when and how our country goes to war.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023

SPEECH OF

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 13, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of En Bloc No. 4, which contains a number of provisions that the Committee on Homeland Security has advanced in a bipartisan manner.

I am pleased that it includes Amendment No. 390 that contains the text of H.R. 903, the Rights for the TSA Workforce Act of 2022, as passed by the House in May.

Under TSA's current personnel system, the agency regularly ranks at, or near, the bottom of the annual Federal employee satisfaction surveys and suffers from high attrition.

The most recent Inspector General analysis of employee turnover revealed that in a single year, TSA spent roughly \$16 million on hiring and training nearly 2,000 people who left just months after they got the job.

Such costly and disruptive turnover risks hampering security operations and must be addressed meaningfully.

My amendment seeks to attract and retain a mature and stable workforce within TSA by placing the agency under the Federal personnel system set forth in title 5 of the U.S. Code.

Getting the TSA workforce under the personnel system under which most other Federal employees operate has been a priority for many of us for decades. The unprecedented support by the Biden administration has significantly improved prospects for getting this done. And this amendment's inclusion in the NDAA provides an opportunity to engage with our Senate partners in a timely way.

Additionally, I am pleased that En Bloc No. 4 includes Amendment No. 420 that I filed with Rep. JOHN KATKO of New York, the Ranking Member of the Committee on Homeland Security. It contains the text of 25 bipartisan homeland security measures that the House had previously approved.

These measures would strengthen community security, improve Department of Homeland Security acquisitions and supply chains, and enhance DHS operations. The bipartisan amendment includes provisions to increase funding for the Nonprofit Security Grant Program from \$75 million to \$500 million for each fiscal year through 2028, reform the way DHS procures uniforms issued to Department frontline personnel by encouraging the procurement of domestically sourced items by U.S. small businesses, reauthorize the U.S. Secret Service's National Computer Forensics Institute, authorize a one-stop screening process for certain arriving international travelers, and authorize grants to carry out the Cybersecurity Education and Training Assistance Program, or CETAP—a program to strengthen K-12 cybersecurity education.

I am also pleased that the en bloc includes a measure (Amendment No. 526) authored by Rep. AL GREEN of Texas to bolster the authorities and operations of the Department's Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Office.

Finally, I am delighted to have the support of Rep. PETER DEFAZIO of Oregon, the Chairman of the Transportation and Infrastructure