

HONORING ROBERT T. DOYLE

**HON. JARED HUFFMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 15, 2022*

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the significant career and accomplishments of Robert T. Doyle on the occasion of his retirement as Marin County Sheriff following nearly 53 years of exemplary service at the Sheriff's Office.

A Bay Area native and Marin County resident for five decades, Sheriff Doyle has dedicated his life and career to the public good. In 1966, he enlisted in the United States Army, serving stateside in California and Oklahoma, and overseas in Germany and Vietnam. Three years later, he left the Army to settle in Marin, joining the Sheriff's Office in November 1969.

Since 1969, Sheriff Doyle has excelled in a variety of roles across the Patrol, Custody, and Court Divisions, rising from the rank of Deputy Sheriff to Captain. He commanded both the Southern Marin Patrol Station and the Marin County Jail before being appointed Undersheriff in December 1988. In March 1996, he was then appointed to be Sheriff of Marin County. He went on to win reelection to the role six successive times. Throughout his tenure, he has stood out as a true leader in the community, always focusing on doing what was best for Marin County and its residents.

Sheriff Doyle's stewardship of the law enforcement profession extended outside of his official role in government. He served as President of the California State Sheriffs' Association, two-term President of the Marin County Police Chiefs' Association, and Chair of the California State Sheriffs' Legislative Committee. He was appointed by Governor Schwarzenegger to serve as a member of the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training, and by Governor Wilson to represent the State Sheriffs on the State Task Force on Court Facilities. He has diligently supported other community causes, serving as the Novato Youth Soccer Association Treasurer and as a member of the Fight Crime: Invest in Kids California Executive Committee.

Madam Speaker, Sheriff Robert T. Doyle's career is a sterling example of public service and dedication to the law and community. Please join me in honoring Sheriff Doyle on his retirement, and in wishing him the best of luck in future endeavors.

HONORING THE LATE NELSON L. GROVATT, JR.

**HON. ANDY KIM**

OF NEW JERSEY

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Mr. KIM of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the late Nelson L. Grovatt Jr., a beloved member of our community who passed away on May 24, 2022 at the age of 93. Husband to the late Thelma and the father of the late Alan, Nelson is survived by his brother Clarence, his sons, Larry and Wayne, and his grandchildren, Travis, Kaitlin, Tyler, and Trever.

A true gentleman farmer, anyone who knew Nelson could speak to his heart and passion

both for farming and giving back to his community. A lifelong resident of Rancocas in Westampton Township, and part of the third generation to farm on his family's land, he worked hard until he was 82, and was particularly known for his soybeans. Nelson always made time for people no matter how long the workday kept him out. He would often share his knowledge of farming with anyone eager to learn about the tractors, farming equipment, and what it takes to be successful. He loved his work and even after stepping out of the tractor for the last time, kept a small garden growing fruits and vegetables.

Nelson was also devoted to public service and was recognized as a Founding Father of Westampton Township. Extremely active in both his community and church, Nelson was dedicated to the growth of his hometown. A man of unwavering faith, Nelson served as a Deacon at various local churches while also taking on numerous roles within the community. From the beginnings of Westampton Township, he was a leader of the committee to develop its first police force and eventually served as the town's first Police Commissioner. He went on to serve on the Township Committee for 11 years and was elected Mayor for two years.

Outside his work, Nelson proudly worked to preserve the history of the township as it grew, often sharing his collection of Native American artifacts from the Ancocas Natives that had settled near the Rancocas Creek. He also loved recalling and sharing family stories alongside the robust history and knowledge of the Rancocas community.

Nelson was a kind soul that lived out his faith in all he did and never sought praise. We were lucky to live with Nelson as part of our community. My heart goes out to Nelson's entire family and for those that knew him, even for the most fleeting moments; he will be missed.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. DORIS O. MATSUI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 15, 2022*

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, on the evening of Thursday, July 14, 2022, I was unavoidably detained and failed to record my vote on Roll Call No. 346, DEGETTE of Colorado Part A Amendment No. 456 to H.R. 7900; Roll Call No. 347, EVANS of Pennsylvania Part A Amendment No. 461 to H.R. 7900; and Roll Call No. 348, CONNOLLY of Virginia Part A Amendment No. 495 to H.R. 7900.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 346, YEA on Roll Call No. 347, and YEA on Roll Call No. 348.

RECOGNIZING THE 34TH ANNUAL ROBERTO CLEMENTE GALA HONOREES

**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 15, 2022*

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Assemblywoman Yvonne

Lopez and Hispanic Federation as they are honored by the Puerto Rican Association for Human Development (PRAHD) at its 34th Annual Roberto Clemente Gala on July 22, 2022. It is my privilege to recognize the outstanding efforts of PRAHD and this year's gala honorees.

Former Executive Director/CEO of PRAHD, the Honorable Yvonne Lopez represents the 19th Legislative District of New Jersey and currently serves as Deputy Speaker of the Assembly. She is also Chair of the Housing Committee, a member of the Transportation and Independent Authorities committee, Financial Institutions and Insurance committee, and Joint Committee on Housing Affordability, as well as a member of the NJ Legislative Latino Caucus and National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators. She also served on the Complete Counts Commission and the New Jersey Puerto Rico Commission and previously worked in the private sector as Vice President/Community Affairs Manager for Wachovia Banks. In her capacity at PRAHD, Assemblywoman Lopez oversaw the operations and management of the organization while cultivating community and public relations. Assemblywoman Lopez truly embodies the spirit of the Roberto Clemente Award and I join with PRAHD in applauding her leadership and service to the community.

Partner of the Year Award recipient, Hispanic Federation, echoes the mission of PRAHD. Its advocacy efforts, programs, and public education initiatives support community organizations and strengthen individuals and families. Its work assists individuals to obtain health insurance, citizenship and civics education, job training, childhood literacy skills, college preparation, and more. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Hispanic Federation provided relief and recovery grants to local organizations and small businesses and held a national outreach campaign to educate Latinos on COVID-19 vaccines. Hispanic Federation continues to promote Latino interests and uplift the Hispanic community and its efforts are to be commended.

For nearly 50 years, PRAHD has provided outstanding support to our local communities. Its comprehensive services and programs promote self-sufficiency and community involvement. I applaud PRAHD for its dedication to improving the well-being of our communities and the evening's honorees for their commitment to service and action.

Madam Speaker, I sincerely hope my colleagues will join me in honoring Assemblywoman Yvonne Lopez and Hispanic Federation for their contributions to the community and congratulating them on this well-deserved recognition by PRAHD.

## NORTHWEST ORDINANCE

**HON. GARY J. PALMER**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 15, 2022*

Mr. PALMER. Madam Speaker, Wednesday was the 235th anniversary of the passage of the Northwest Ordinance.

The Northwest Ordinance, passed on July 13, 1787 under the Articles of Confederation, created the Northwest Territory which would eventually become the states of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, and Wisconsin.

Two portions of the Ordinance capture important principles that are worth recovering 235 years later.

Section 13 of the Ordinance notes that the fundamental principles of civil and religious liberty form the basis upon which republics are erected and that they are the basis of all laws.

Article 3 affirms that religion, morality, and knowledge are necessary for good government and the happiness of mankind.

We've strayed far from these truths in the years since the Northwest Ordinance was passed.

However, it isn't too late to recover and encourage a robust respect for civil and religious liberty while acknowledging the fundamental truth that religion, morality, and knowledge are essential for America and her people to flourish.

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TRIBUTE TO NORMAN LEAR

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor renowned television producer and screenwriter, Norman Lear of Beverly Hills, California upon his 100th birthday.

Norman Milton Lear was born on July 27, 1922 in New Haven, Connecticut. After attend-

ing Emerson College in Boston, he dropped out of college to enlist in the U.S. Army Air Force. During World War II, he served as a gunner and radio operator, and flew 52 combat missions over Europe, earning the Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters.

Following his extraordinary military service, Mr. Lear worked in public relations before beginning a career as a freelance comedy writer, and eventually a television and film producer. Norman would go on to captivate over one hundred twenty million viewers weekly with his groundbreaking television shows of the 1970's and 1980's that dealt with consequential and critical issues such as race, social inequality, and sexuality. These iconic shows include *All in the Family*, which won many Emmy Awards, *The Jeffersons*, *Good Times*, and *Maude*.

Inspired by his uncle Jack and grandfather Shya's political involvement, "that a citizen can matter," Norman had been politically active for years; however, in 1980, he wanted a more direct effect on social change, so he put his television career on hold to focus on political activism. In 1981, Mr. Lear cofounded *People for the American Way*, which sought to build a democratic society and defend constitutional values such as religious liberty, free expression, and equal justice from right-wing extremism. In 1997, Norman and his wife, Lyn Davis Lear, created the *Lear Family Foundation*, which supports a wide range of nonprofit organizations such as the *Rainforest Alliance*, *American Civil Liberties Union*, *Ballet*

*Hispanico* and *Planned Parenthood*. In 2000, Mr. Lear provided an endowment for a public policy center that explored the intersection of commerce, entertainment, and society at the *University of Southern California Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism*—the center was later dedicated as the *Norman Lear Center*. A few years later, Norman founded a nonpartisan youth voter registration initiative called *Declare Yourself*. Additionally, in 2001, Norman and Lyn purchased one of the few surviving original copies of the *Declaration of Independence* and shared the nation's birth certificate with their fellow Americans by touring it in all 50 states during their *Declaration of Independence Road Trip*.

Mr. Lear has received many professional awards and acknowledgement for his humanitarian achievements. These include the *National Medal for Arts* from President Clinton, several *Emmy Awards*, two *Peabody Awards*, a *Golden Globe Award*, the *Humanist Arts Award*, *Kennedy Center Honors*, the *Women in Film Lucy Award*, and the *National Hispanic Media Coalition's "Media Icon" Award*. In addition, he was inducted into the *Television Academy Hall of Fame* and has a star on the *Hollywood Walk of Fame*.

It is my great pleasure to honor legendary television pioneer, and my dear friend, Norman Lear upon his centennial birthday. I ask all Members to join me in commending Mr. Lear for a lifetime of outstanding service to our community, country, and world.