

and leaders around the country serve as evidence that closing the STEM education gap and increasing the number of Hispanics in STEM can and will be done.

Rod will be remembered by his colleagues and thousands of current and former SHPE students and professionals for his devotion, service, mentorship, and immense contributions to expanding awareness, access, support, and development opportunities to Hispanics in STEM so that they may realize their potential and positively impact the world. His legacy of empowering the Hispanic community to achieve educational excellence, economic opportunity, and social equity will guide many members of the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers for generations to come. I ask my colleagues to join me in commemorating the life of this extraordinary individual.

HONORING MR. WILLY ELLIOT-MCCREA

**HON. JIMMY PANETTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 20, 2022*

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement of Mr. Willy Elliott-McCrea from the Second Harvest Food Bank Santa Cruz County after thirty-three years of dedicated service to communities across the central coast of California. The Second Harvest Food Bank Santa Cruz County was the first food bank in California and the second in the nation—it was founded in 1972 as an emergency food pantry to distribute U.S. Department of Agriculture surplus food as a part of the Community Action Board in the City of Santa Cruz.

Mr. Elliott-McCrea began his public service career with the Second Harvest Food Bank in 1979 as the warehouse manager and driver, later taking on the responsibility of purchasing food. In that same year, he represented Second Harvest Food Bank as one of thirteen founding members of Feeding America. In 1988, Mr. Elliott-McCrea was promoted to Executive Director and later to Chief Executive Officer in 1993, the position he held until retirement. Shortly after his promotion to Executive Director, the 6.9 magnitude Loma Prieta Earthquake devastated Santa Cruz and surrounding areas in October 1989. The Food Bank became ground zero for disaster relief, with the number of people served dramatically increasing from 15,000 per month to 25,000 people per week.

Throughout his time with the Second Harvest Foodbank, Mr. Elliott-McCrea helped guide statewide policy, championing progress in food security resources. He energized the Second Harvest Board of Directors to change its mission to be more community-focused, thus pioneering a new model for food banks and inspiring emergency feeding operations nationwide. To this day, food bank distributions operate around a network of community-based food pantries in senior residential living centers, homeless service centers, schools, churches, and neighborhood resource centers.

Mr. Elliott-McCrea led Second Harvest Food Bank through natural disasters, recessions, and, most recently, the coronavirus pandemic. In 2011, Second Harvest provided an average of 6.7 million pounds of fresh fruits and vege-

tables to the Santa Cruz community, but in the first year of the pandemic, Second Harvest's operations grew to providing 16.5 million pounds of fresh fruit and vegetables. In addition to his role with Second Harvest, Mr. Elliott-McCrea also served as the founding president of the California Association of Food Banks (CAFB) from 1995 to 1998 and again from 2019 to 2021. The CAFB ensures its coalition of 41-member food banks have the tools and resources to focus on feeding communities across California. The Association also provides Nutrition Education Programs that work with community volunteers to provide Nutrition Support Groups and Cooking Clubs.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing and thanking Willy Elliott-McCrea for his decades of service. His leadership and dedication to public service have shaped the food bank community not just in Santa Cruz County, but across the nation. I extend my personal appreciation to Mr. Willy Elliott-McCrea and his dedication to the central coast of California.

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SPEECH OF

**HON. DARREN SOTO**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 19, 2022*

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Chair, I want to commend the members of the House Committee on Appropriations, specifically the members of the Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veteran Affairs, and Related Agencies Fiscal Year 2023 Appropriations bill for including robust funding for Major Projects Construction.

This funding for the construction, alteration, extension, and improvement of any facilities within the jurisdiction or use of the Department of Veteran Affairs will help all VA hospitals expand access to health care to veterans. For example, the Lake Nona VA Medical Center located in my district has grown substantially since established in 2006. The Lake Nona VA Medical Center serves more than 110,000 veterans in Central Florida and includes a 120-bed Community Living Center, two Mental Health Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Programs/Domiciliaries, located at both Lake Nona Campus and the Lake Baldwin Campus, one Health Care Center in Viera, two large multi-specialty Satellite Outpatient Clinics in Orlando and Daytona Beach, and four Community-Based Outpatient Clinics located in Clermont, Kissimmee, Orange City, and Tavares.

A facility expansion of the Lake Nona VA Medical Center would add at least additional twenty beds for inpatient mental health care and three additional floors for intensive and surgical rehabilitation. I am proud of the healthcare provided by Lake Nona VA Medical Center to veterans in the Central Florida. I believe Congress should continue to provide the resources necessary to allow for expansion and improvement of facilities under the jurisdiction of the Department of Veteran Affairs and I look forward to continuing to work with my colleagues to support this goal.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. BRIAN BABIN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 20, 2022*

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I voted 'no' but it was not recorded (card apparently not read).

Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 373.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF SERGEANT TIM STACY

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 20, 2022*

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sergeant Tim Stacy of the Dearborn Police Department on the occasion of his retirement. His honorable 22 years of service to our community is worthy of commendation.

A graduate of Southgate Anderson High School, Schoolcraft College, and Wayne County Community College Sergeant Stacy began his career in the Dearborn Police Department in 1994 as a reserve police officer. After obtaining his criminal justice degree in 1996; he was promoted to the role of Police Ordinance Officer in 1997. From there, he worked his way up the ranks becoming certified in traffic safety and accident investigations and was promoted to the position of Sergeant and Office in Charge of the Police Motor Carrier and Ordinance Enforcement Units in 2015.

Known for his caring heart and willingness to help those in need, Sergeant Stacy has always looked for new ways to advance professionally and better serve his community. He has frequently attended trainings at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center and Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration. In addition to his duties as an officer, he served as a community liaison for the department, helping improve the lives of his neighbors each day. A dedicated officer and known for his commitment to improving his community, he was awarded the Chiefs Outstanding Service Award in 2018. He has always been there to help anyone who needed a helping hand. He continues to reside in Lincoln Park, Michigan with his wife Maya and is an outstanding father to their children Ava, Emma, and Lily.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Sergeant Tim Stacy for a career of exemplary service to the Dearborn Police Department. I join with Sergeant Stacy's family, friends, and colleagues in extending my gratitude to him for his decades of honorable service. We thank him for serving the people of the City of Dearborn for the past 22 years. We wish him the best in retirement and lots of time spent with friends and family as he fights cancer. He is a man of honor and bravery—Cancer has never had a more formidable opponent.

RECOGNIZING AIR FORCE VETERAN AND FOUNDER OF 2M COMPANY, MR. BILL MILLS

**HON. MATTHEW M. ROSENDALE, SR.**

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 20, 2022*

Mr. ROSENDALE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Bill Mills, a United States Air Force veteran and founder of 2M Company in Montana.

In 1978, Mr. Mills founded 2M Company in Billings, Montana because he was inspired to create a water product and service company that directly meets the needs of Montana's families and farmers.

Over the last 30 years, 2M Company has done just that—while serving Montanans' water-related needs, it became the leading wholesale supplier of pumps and pumping systems within Montana's water industry.

Along with 2M Company's business locations in Montana, it has expanded over the years to serve customers in Idaho, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Oregon, Washington, and Texas.

The growth and success of 2M Company is certainly a testament to Mr. Mills' exceptional entrepreneurial leadership and 2M Company's excellent service, products, and customer-first philosophy that Mr. Mills established in its inception.

Additionally, I also want to thank Mr. Bill Mills for his service to his country as part of the United States Air Force.

Mr. Mills' hard work, resourcefulness, and outstanding service to his community exemplify the core principles of being a Montanan.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. VICKY HARTZLER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 20, 2022*

Mrs. HARTZLER. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday, July 19, 2022, I was unable to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted:

NO on Roll Call No. 365 ; NO on Roll Call No. 366 ; YEA on Roll Call No. 367; NO on Roll Call No. 368; NO on Roll Call No. 369; YEA on Roll Call No. 370; YEA on Roll Call No. 371; NO on Roll Call No. 372; NO on Roll Call No. 373; YEA on Roll Call No. 374; YEA on Roll Call No. 375; YEA on Roll Call No. 376; YEA on Roll Call No. 377; and YEA on Roll Call No. 378.

HONORING GLORIETTA ROWLAND

**HON. JIMMY PANETTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 20, 2022*

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement of Ms. Glorietta Rowland after 33 years of public service to Monterey County and her dedication to supporting the Central Coast's unhoused community. Her legacy of service is one of unwavering devotion to improving the lives of others.

Ms. Rowland began her career in 1987 with Domestic Crisis Services, kicking off her admini-

strable and wide-ranging career. Following her departure from the agency in 1988, Ms. Rowland worked with the Salvation Army, providing resources to those experiencing homelessness. She then worked for Sun Street Center, an organization that provides educational services, as well as treatment and recovery opportunities for those battling addiction.

In 2005, Ms. Rowland joined the Coalition of Homeless Services Providers, where she assumed the role of Executive Officer. In this position, Ms. Rowland created and developed many programs and campaigns, including the Lead Me Home Ten-Year Plan for Ending Homelessness, Monterey County Stand Down for Veterans, and the Monterey County Homeless Connect Project.

Following her time with the Coalition of Homeless Services Providers, Ms. Rowland joined Monterey County Department of Social Services in 2012 as a Management Analyst in the Community Action Partnership and Director's Office. In this role, Ms. Rowland continued her career-long pattern of developing programs to support unhoused people in Monterey County. Here, she influenced programs like the Monterey County Safe Parking Program and was critical in the creation of the Salinas Housing Advancement, Resource and Education (SHARE) Center.

At the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, Ms. Rowland took the initiative to support our community's relief efforts through the Alternate Housing Site project. She also dedicated her time and talents to the Commission on the Status of Women, the Emergency Food and Shelter Local Board, the Salinas Downtown Community Board, and the Homeless Census Point-in-Time Planning Committee.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Ms. Rowland's decades of service to Monterey County. Her career will serve as a model for selflessness and compassion for our community. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor her today.

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SPEECH OF

**HON. PATRICK T. McHENRY**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 19, 2022*

Mr. McHENRY. Mr. Chair, the report accompanying the FSGG appropriations bill includes "an increase of \$6 million above the budget request for USPS to carry out pilot programs to modernize its current postal banking services, including surcharge-free automated teller machines, wire transfers, check cashing, and bill payment."

This "Postal Non-banking Financial Services Modernization Pilot Program" is yet another attempt by progressives in Congress to expand the U.S. Postal Service's core mission into the financial system. This concept is ultimately harmful to American consumers because it will crowd out private sector financial innovation to reach underserved communities.

That's why Rep. LUETKEMEYER and I offered an amendment to prohibit funding in this bill

from being used to carry out the Postal Non-banking Financial Services Modernization Pilot Program. Unfortunately, our amendment was not made in order to the bill we're considering today.

Democrats have long called for USPS to be able to offer consumer banking services such as checking and savings accounts and extensions of credit to consumers and small businesses. These functions are beyond the Post Office's core competencies, will subject taxpayers to potential losses, will undermine the private sector's ability to compete with taxpayer-subsidized banking services, and pose a threat to consumers' privacy when it comes to financial data.

In 2018, the previous Administration created a special task force to specifically review the Post Office and identify necessary reforms. The Treasury Department was directed to release the Task Force's recommendations, which it did in its report, "United States Postal Service: A Sustainable Path Forward." The Task Force's recommendations were clear: "given the USPS's narrow expertise and capital limitations, USPS should not pursue expanding into new sectors, such as postal banking, the USPS does not have a demonstrated competency or comparative advantage, or where balance sheet risk would be added."

Moreover, the Post Office agreed. In response to a widely criticized and highly unusual report by the United States Postal Service Office of Inspector General (OIG), the Post Office made clear that despite any recommendations to the contrary from the OIG, the Post Office's core mission "is delivery, not banking." Postmaster General DeJoy reiterated this position.

Progressives argue postal banking is needed to address the decreasing number of bank branches and the rise in the number of people without access to a checking account or short-term credit. Democrats automatically believe that means that the government should provide these banking services, including through the Post Office. What Democrats fail to acknowledge is financial institution branch closures and consolidations result from overly burdensome government regulation, which won't be reconciled using more government.

Postal banking has been tried before. From 1911 to 1967, the United States had the "Postal Savings System," run by the USPS' predecessor. The system provided savings accounts with interest rates set by the USPS and funds deposited in national banks near depositors' post offices. The system failed. Postal banking couldn't compete with private sector banking institutions. It did not have the flexibility to meet the needs of customers.

Moreover, American consumers demonstrated recently that they are not interested in banking with the USPS. Just last year, the USPS took it upon itself to create a pilot program to offer check cashing services in the form of gift cards. According to documents submitted to the Postal Regulatory Commission, only six gift cards were issued under the pilot program and total fee revenue was \$35.70. The failure of the pilot program demonstrates the fact that it was not designed in response to customer demand and that consumers are not interested in banking with the federal government, including USPS.

Private sector financial institutions are highly regulated and operate competitively and flexibly in a market-based system. The ensures