

this remarkable woman and to honor her 100th birthday before the House of Representatives.

CONGRATULATING DR. ROBERT J. DILGER

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 26, 2022

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate Congressional Research Service Senior Specialist, Dr. Robert Jay Dilger on his retirement, and to thank him for his years of outstanding and dedicated service to Congress. For more than a dozen years, Dr. Dilger has been CRS's expert on small business. During that time, he has provided the House Small Business Committee and its staff—and numerous other congressional offices—with an unparalleled level of information and independent research on federal policies that affect small businesses. His work at CRS is the gold standard for legislative support and policy analysis for Congress.

Prior to CRS, Dr. Dilger had a distinguished career in academia. He became a recognized national authority on federalism, authoring nine books and numerous articles. Bob graduated from Johns Hopkins University with a bachelor's degree in political science and holds a Ph.D. from the Department of Politics at Brandeis University. Early in his career, he held positions with the National League of Cities, the U.S. Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, and the Brookings Institution before joining the faculty at the University of Redlands in California. There he served as professor and chair of the Department of Political Science.

He then moved to West Virginia University where he was the founding Director of the Institute for Public Affairs. In addition, Bob taught undergraduate and graduate courses and chaired graduate student M.A. and Ph.D. committees.

Bob arrived at CRS in 2004 to manage the Government & Finance division. Since 2008, he has devoted himself to research and analysis, generating an impressive portfolio of carefully curated and maintained written products, and providing support to congressional offices on the Small Business Administration's programs and a broad range of issues and policies affecting small businesses.

Through the caliber of his research, and the sheer volume of his consultations with congressional staff, Bob set a high bar for his CRS colleagues. He should be proud of his assistance on major legislation such as the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the Small Business Jobs Act, and, more recently, the CARES Act and related COVID bills, but also the long-term professional and personal relationships he has built with staff on the Small Business Committees and in other congressional offices.

Madam Speaker, this body and the Nation are all the wiser and better informed because of Dr. Dilger's public service both as an academic and as a CRS analyst. I hope my colleagues will join me in wishing Bob a long, healthy, and happy retirement with his wife, Gloria, and his 2 children and 7 grandchildren, as he begins a new chapter of his life.

TRIBUTE TO LINDA TYLER-RYLES—CALIFORNIA'S 24TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CARBAJAL. Madam Speaker, each year, through the Women of the Year Award, my office extends' special recognition to women on the Central Coast who have made a difference in our community. I would like to recognize one outstanding Women of the Year Award recipient, Linda Tyler-Ryles of Buellton, California.

Linda is a retired Santa Barbara Research Center and Raytheon Business Manager who loves to mentor young children and college students. She has been previously recognized as a Girl Scouts "Woman of Distinction" by Raytheon for paving the way for future girl leaders. Linda's commitment to service dates back to her membership in the first Black sorority—Alpha Kappa Alpha—since her undergraduate college days at CSU, Los Angeles, and subsequent graduate studies at USC. The sorority focuses on service to the community, a mission Linda has embraced and helped instill in her sisters. She has held positions of President, Vice President, and many committee chairmanship roles throughout her years of service and still serves as the Graduate Advisor of undergraduate members of the sorority at University of California at Santa Barbara.

Organizations that provide educational support and scholarship assistance to students—especially the underserved—are at the heart of most of Linda's volunteer work. She is a former President and Recording Secretary of Endowment for Youth Community and a member and Treasurer of George Washington Carver Scholarship Club for over thirty years. Prior to the pandemic Linda volunteered at the Buellton Library with the "Tail Waggers," an elementary student reading program, and was part of the Adult Literacy Program assisting adult English language learners.

Linda is a devoted advocate for the Black community in Santa Barbara County, who promotes voting and civic engagement among BIPOC residents of Santa Barbara County. She is a member of the Santa Maria NAACP and an Advisory Board member of Santa Barbara's Martin Luther King Jr. Committee, recruiting Santa Ynez Valley students to participate in the Poetry and Essay Contest for the past four years. Most recently, Linda joined the Non-Profit Board of Madi's Treasure Box, an organization started by an eight-year-old girl whose mission is to provide multicultural tools promoting literacy and inclusion to schools and libraries across the U.S.

Linda has served as Recording Secretary for Santa Ynez Valley Woman's Club and is a member of True Vine Bible Fellowship Church, where she volunteers in the nursery, as a church usher, and Hospitality Committee member.

I am honored to recognize Linda for her continued commitment to Santa Barbara County. I ask all Members to join me today in honoring a dedicated woman of California's 24th Congressional District, Linda Tyler-Ryles, for her incredible service to her community.

RECOGNIZING DR. MARK H. JOHNSTON

HON. JASON CROW

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CROW. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Dr. Mark Johnston, and to congratulate him on his membership to the National Academy of Sciences.

A trailblazer in the field of Biochemistry and Molecular Genetics, Dr. Johnston's lab has been a leader shedding light on how cells respond to glucose. He has played a vital role in the sequencing of the yeast genome, and is a pioneer in the field of comparative genomics.

In addition to his research, Dr. Johnston has been a professor since 1983. He began his teaching journey at the Washington University School of Medicine, until 2009, when he relocated to the University of Colorado Denver. He currently serves as Professor Emeritus at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus in Aurora, Colorado. Additionally, he worked as Editor-in-Chief at the journal, GENETICS, for 12 years—a journal that has existed at the forefront of the field for the past century. He has published more than 100 papers and articles, as well as a popular science book, *The Genetic Twists of Fate*.

Dr. Johnston has no small collection of accolades. In 2008, he received the George W. Beadle Award from the Genetics Society of America, and in 2012, was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He has received a series of fellowships among other field-related recognitions.

In 2022, Dr. Johnston was elected as a member of the National Academy of Sciences. There is no application process to become a member—rather membership is singularly achieved through an election process, and only 120 members may be elected annually. Membership is considered and accepted as a mark of excellence in science, and is considered one of the highest honors a scientist can receive.

Dr. Johnston's contributions to the scientific community, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, and those around him have been enormous. I congratulate him for his membership to the National Academy of Sciences, as well as an incredible career in the field of genetics.

HONORING MR. MARVIN LACOSTE

HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

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Mr. PALAZZO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the lifetime achievements of Mr. Marvin LaCoste.

Marvin is a lifelong resident of Kiln, Mississippi. He comes from a family with a long history of military service, beginning with a father who served in the Navy during World War I. Three of his brothers served in the Navy during World War II, three more brothers served in the Army, and one in the National Guard. Marvin's son followed in his footsteps and served in the Navy.

At the young age of 17, Marvin continued that legacy of military service, joining the U.S. Navy, and was named a chartered member of the Hancock County Mississippi National Guard in 1954. Upon returning home from the U.S. Navy, Marvin worked for the Chevron Oil Company and the Global Marine Drilling Company as an electrician and in automation on offshore oil fields. In 1978, Mr. Lacoste founded Marvin Lacoste Repair Service, which has provided heating and air conditioning services to Hancock County for the last four decades.

Marvin was one of the founding members of the Hancock County Republican Party. He contributed to the successful campaigns of many local, State, and Federal government officials.

Marvin is an astute business owner, but he is also known for his tireless public service and commitment to the betterment of the Mississippi Gulf Coast. For decades, Marvin has participated in local chapters of Shriners Hospitals for Children, the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, and several other community service-focused endeavors.

Today, we recognize Mr. Marvin LaCoste for his outstanding service to the Republican Party, Hancock County, and the State of Mississippi.

CELEBRATING THE RETIREMENT
OF BOB ARNOULD

HON. PETE AGUILAR

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. AGUILAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor one of California's favorite adopted Iowans. Bob Arnould, a former Speaker of the Iowa House of Representatives and fierce advocate for not-for-profit credit unions, has officially retired from his role as a Chief Advocate for his industry. I've had the pleasure of working with Bob and rise to honor both a good friend and a visionary leader.

Bob started at the California and Nevada Credit Union Leagues as the Director of State Government Affairs. His team was responsible for all credit union advocacy measures in the world's fifth-largest economy at a time when the state was shifting politically, and the financial services sector was under the microscope for every act of lending. Credit union advocacy was still new to the Legislature and Bob made it his mission to develop long lasting relationships with the state's leaders.

This is where Bob grew the advocacy program from an organizational standpoint, which has changed California and Nevada credit unions, as well as the lives of their leaders and members. As he advanced to Vice President and eventually Senior Vice President of Advocacy, Bob expanded the three-person office to a full team devoted to advocacy's "three-legged stool" as he calls it: lobbying, political action and grassroots engagement. He developed and fostered a team that would go on to become a force in Sacramento and Carson City. Legislators, some of them my colleagues now, knew that when credit unions walked in the door, they could not be an afterthought.

Before coming to the Leagues, Bob was the Speaker of the Iowa State Assembly. For 20 years before that, he worked his way up from

rank-and-file Assemblyman, through committee chairs and party leaders, to a political career eventually culminating in the Speakership. He worked in the Iowa Caucuses and ran campaigns from his young 20's, until he came to California and the Leagues in the late '90s. To earn this level of trust among the Iowa community, he had to demonstrate a level of community devotion and something else rarely found in politicians: humility. Those who know and work with Bob to this day know that he embodies this.

Encapsulating Bob's leadership throughout the California and Nevada Credit Union Leagues is not an easy task. He is a visionary leader, honest and decent person, but I'm proud to know him most as a good friend. His entire career has been dedicated to one mission statement, it's less about you, and all about them: the community, the people, everyone. Bob makes it 100 percent about you.

Rarely has there been a leader with such humility who recognizes that all great leaders give away their credit to allow others to rise. That is how he has accomplished so much.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Speaker Bob Arnould.

HONORING LUKE MALLON

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

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Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Luke Mallon. Luke is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1214, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Luke has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities, such as the Mile Swim. Over the many years Luke has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned 29 merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Luke has achieved much as a scout, having achieved the ranks of Patrol Leader, and Den Chief. Luke has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Luke's project saw him build and install birdhouses and a bird feeder at a local bird sanctuary.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Luke Mallon for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America, and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

CONGRATULATING ELI VAZQUEZ
ON HIS APPOINTMENT TO THE
NAFCU BOARD OF DIRECTORS

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Eli on his recent selection to the Board of Directors of the National Association of Federally-Insured Credit Unions (NAFCU).

Mr. Vazquez currently serves as the President and CEO of Bank-Fund Staff Federal

Credit Union, which is comprised of approximately 90,000 members and headquartered in the District of Columbia.

Mr. Vazquez previously served on the American Airlines Federal Credit Union board for eight years and later in senior leadership roles for seven years. He was a board member of the SW Regional Payments Association for three years and chair of the NAFCU Share Insurance Committee. He is active on advisory panels for CUNA Mutual, engageFI and Visa and is a supporter of various philanthropic organizations.

Mr. Vazquez has a wealth of financial services and leadership knowledge. His vision and decision-making skills will be a valuable addition to the NAFCU board and credit unions for years to come.

Mr. Vazquez holds an MBA in Finance and a BS in Chemical Engineering. He is an experienced, active and passionate supporter of credit unions and their mission.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Eli Vazquez and wishing him the very best in his new role on the NAFCU Board of Directors.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF
WAYNE C. BECKMAN

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the life of servicemen Wayne C. Beckman, who recently passed away on July 1, 2022, at the age of 88. A proud U.S. Navy Veteran and a lifelong member of the American Legion, Wayne was an indispensable part of Michigan's First District.

Wayne, a lifelong Yooper and native of Ironwood, enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1951 and served in the Korean War aboard the USS *Moale* as a Radarman. Throughout his service, he was awarded the National Defense, Korean Service, United Nations, and Navy Occupation Medals. One of his most prized accomplishments was sailing around the world before turning 18 years old. After nearly three years, Wayne was honorably discharged in 1954. After his service to our Nation, he returned home where he met his wife, Bonita Beckman. They were married in 1958 and raised four children together. Wayne was also a proud grandfather and great-grandfather. He was known as a "pillar of the community," and enjoyed attending his kids' and grandkids' extracurricular activities.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of Michigan's First District, I ask you to join me in honoring the life and service of Wayne C. Beckman. His dedication to his country, community; and family will never be forgotten.

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