

KATE MIHAL

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 28, 2022

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, last week, I had the pleasure of meeting Kate Mihal (Me-Hall), a resident of Cape May Court House, South Jersey. Kate is currently a sophomore at Stockton University where she studies environmental science. In her free time, she participates in showings of horses, pigs, chickens, ducks, and rabbits through the 4-H Foundation. When I met Kate last week, she was auctioning off a pig she raised to help provide funding for her school. At the auction, a man named Warren bought Kate's pig for \$40.50 a pound, a record price for Cape May County. Through her participation in the 4-H Foundation, Kate has not only taken part in animal showings, but also learned leadership and teamwork skills that have shaped her into who she is today. Kate should be proud of her many accomplishments through this organization, and it was my honor to speak with her last week. God Bless Kate, and God Bless our United States of America.

**HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF CHAIRMAN MICHAEL LONG**
HON. ANDREW R. GARBARINO

OF NEW YORK

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Mr. GARBARINO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to speak in honor of the recently departed Chairman Michael R. Long, who served his community, his state, and his Nation with pride and distinction for decades. Born in Brooklyn, New York, Chairman Long was a staunch conservative who dedicated his entire life to furthering the support of conservative values across our great state.

After serving his country as a Marine, Chairman Long jumped into action once again, working tirelessly to support various presidential, gubernatorial, and mayoral candidates over the years. From 1981 to 1983, Chairman Long served his community as Brooklyn's at-large City Council member. In this position, Chairman Long was unwavering in his beliefs, fervent in his support of conservative values, and quickly rose to the position of Conservative Party Chairman just a few years later.

In addition to his public service and political endeavors, Chairman Long was also an entrepreneur and businessman, having owned a bar and grill, ice cream parlor, and liquor store with his brother, Tom. Chairman Long also served as the president of his local businessman's association, a school board member, and an officer in various other civic groups, including the Committee to Restore Respect, Honor, and Dignity to Policemen.

In all that he did, Chairman Long emerged as a steadfast, common-sense leader who was never afraid to speak his mind. While countless New Yorkers mourn his passing, let us take a moment to reflect upon Chairman Michael Long's many contributions to his community and his party. May his efforts inspire countless generations of future public servants, and may we continue to honor his memory for years to come.

ORANGE COUNTY DELEGATION
HONORS DR. MARSHALL ROWEN**HON. J. LUIS CORREA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise on behalf of the Orange County delegation, which includes Representatives ALAN LOWENTHAL, KATIE PORTER, MICHELLE STEEL, YOUNG KIM, MIKE LEVIN, and LINDA SANCHEZ, to honor the career and service of Dr. Marshall Rowen.

Dr. Rowen has recently reached the tremendous milestone of serving on the Children's Hospital of Orange County's (CHOC) Board of Directors for 50 years.

For over 60 years, Dr. Rowen has lived in and served Orange County's most vulnerable children. He was the first Pediatric Radiologist in Orange County, and he was Medical Director of Radiology at both St. Joseph and CHOC for many decades.

Dr. Rowen has also taught generations of doctors in Orange County. He was Clinical Professor of Radiology and Pediatrics at U.C. Irvine College of Medicine, served on the Executive Committee of the Faculty and was President of the Clinical Faculty Association. In addition to the Editorial Board of the Western Journal of Medicine, he published more than 35 Scientific articles, and lectured coast to coast on Imaging Center and Radiology Department Management.

He is greatly respected as the previous President of Orange County, Southern California, and California Radiological Societies as well as The Hawaiian Society of Nuclear Medicine and Pacific Coast Pediatric Radiology Association.

His compassion and contribution to our community are extraordinary, and we are proud to recognize Dr. Marshall Rowen's service to Orange County's children.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION
HON. VICKY HARTZLER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. HARTZLER. Madam Speaker, on Wednesday, July 27, I was unable to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: NAY on Roll Call Number 394; NAY on Roll Call Number 395; NAY on Roll Call Number 396; YEA on Roll Call Number 397; NAY on Roll Call Number 398; YEA on Roll Call Number 399; YEA on Roll Call Number 400; and NAY on Roll Call Number 401.

**IN MEMORY OF STEPHEN A.
McMILLAN**
HON. JERRY L. CARL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CARL. Madam Speaker, remembering those civil servants who dedicated their careers to the service of their constituents is important, and few Alabama politicians gave more in service than Representative Stephen A. "Steve" McMillan.

McMillan served for 42 years in the Alabama House of Representatives, representing Baldwin County. After first winning election in 1982, McMillan represented District 95 for his entire career and went on to serve numerous committees. McMillan leaves behind a legacy of working to pass legislation for the good of Baldwin County and the entire State of Alabama.

McMillan accomplished much, helping create the Fair Ballot Commission, the Baldwin County Judicial Commission, and the State Teacher of the Year program. McMillan also helped planning and zoning for unincorporated areas of Baldwin County, helped found the Alabama School of Math and Science, and helped create the Alabama Coastal Area Erosion Task Force and several laws to protect Alabama Beaches.

McMillan's service was not limited to the Alabama House of Representatives, as he held numerous leadership positions in the community. McMillan was past President of the Bay Minette Rotary Club, member of the North Baldwin Chamber of Commerce, member of the South Baldwin Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the Coastal Alabama Business Chamber.

McMillan will be remembered as a fighter for his constituents who worked for the betterment of his community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION
HON. TED BUDD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BUDD. Madam Speaker, on Roll Call No. 397, I mistakenly voted Nay when I intended to vote Yea.

**50TH ANNIVERSARY OF FIESTA
DEL SOL**
HON. JESÚS G. "CHUY" GARCÍA

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I want to honor Fiesta Del Sol, the largest Latino festival in the Midwest, as it celebrates its 50th Anniversary this month.

Fiesta Del Sol hails from my district in Pilsen—the first neighborhood my parents and siblings found a home in when we arrived from Mexico. Pilsen's been a gateway for countless immigrant families, and it proudly continues to reflect and elevate the Mexican community in Chicago. We gather during the Fiesta del Sol to celebrate the richness of our culture through music, food, and community empowerment.

Born in 1973, Fiesta del Sol was in part the result of the rising political power of the Chicano and Mexican American community. That year, the Pilsen Neighborhood Community Council, a non-profit community-based organization, led a successful campaign to build a new public high school in the heart of the neighborhood, the Benito Juárez Community Academy. The organizers hosted a block party to celebrate this victory, and thus the first Fiesta del Sol was born.

Today, this four-day event attracts more than one million people, spans an eightblock space down Cermak Road, and can be seen from miles around in Chicago because of its Ferris wheel and bright lights. Fiesta del Sol also raises funds to provide scholarships for young people needing assistance as they enter colleges and universities.

In its more than 100 booths you will find some of the best Mexican food in town, as well as artists and artisans who come to showcase their talent. Fiesta also is an opportunity for the community to get information about health care, immigration, environmental justice and college readiness. And while it features popular talent, it has also created opportunities for up-and-coming performers.

Fiesta del Sol has become such a significant event for the Latino community, that a promotional poster for the festival, created by artist Alejandro Romero, is now part of the Smithsonian American Art collection.

As the Mexican community in Chicago has grown and evolved, so has Fiesta del Sol. Organizations like the Pilsen Neighborhood Community Council have expanded their reach, continuing to engage and activate people to address the community needs, training organizers, and neighbors to advocate for themselves, their families and for the benefit of the community as a whole.

Fiesta del Sol reminds us of the rich history of the Mexican community and the remarkable cultural and economic contributions we have brought to Chicago and the Midwest. Let's celebrate its 50th anniversary.

RECOGNIZING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HAMLINE CHURCH DINING HALL

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. McCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the congregation of Hamline Church on the momentous occasion of the 125th anniversary of the Hamline Church Dining Hall at the Minnesota State Fair. The dining hall is the oldest continuous food concession at what we like to call "The Great Minnesota Get-Together."

Back in 1897, a small group of women from the Hamline Methodist Episcopal Church Ladies Aid Society decided to try selling cold drinks and sandwiches at the fair to raise money for the church. This humble fundraising effort quickly grew into a dining hall with a full menu that is a staple of the Minnesota State Fair. Unlike those early days, the Hamline Church Dining Hall at 1667 Dan Patch Avenue is now owned by the church and boasts modern conveniences of plumbing and electricity, which are appreciated by patrons and volunteers alike.

Over the years, there have been a few other changes. In 1935, for a dinner of meat or ham loaf, boiled potatoes, coleslaw, beet pickles; pie, ice cream and a beverage, plus free second helpings, a patron at the Hamline Dining Hall paid only 35 cents. This value and the homegrown hospitality helped the hall survive the Great Depression when many others closed down. World War II food rationing forced more flexibility and adaptation. As the

menu has grown and changed over the many years, a perennial favorite is ham loaf topped with honey-mustard sauce. In 2012 they partnered with local small business Izzy's Ice Cream and began selling ice cream and other take-away items, including their very own flavor of Church Elderberry Ice Cream. An adaptation of their traditional Swedish meatballs to Cranberry Wild Rice Meatballs served with lingonberry sauce earned them a spot on the highly acclaimed New Foods list for the fair in 2017.

With more than 300 food vendors at the Minnesota State Fair, the Hamline Church Dining Hall remains popular for its high-quality food and generous hospitality. During each of the past 125 years, the Dining Hall has been largely volunteer-run, 25 of whom have been specially recognized by the fair for 50 years of service. Their hospitality extends well beyond fairgoers—a portion of each year's proceeds goes to provide meals for organizations like The Sheridan Story, Emma Norton Services and Feed My Starving Children.

Madam Speaker, please join me in paying tribute to the congregation and many incredible volunteers of the Hamline Church Dining Hall as they celebrate 125 years of serving up delicious homecooked meals and generous hospitality to hungry Minnesota State Fairgoers.

HONORING MEALS ON WHEELS OF THE MONTEREY PENINSULA

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the half-century of service Meals on Wheels of the Monterey Peninsula has provided to the community of Monterey County. This organization has worked for the last fifty years to enhance the health and well-being and provide a sense of community for homebound seniors, disabled adults, and veterans on the central coast of California.

Ms. Sally Judd Griffin, Ms. Vivica Lohr, and Ms. Christine Winge have admirably led Meals on Wheels of the Monterey Peninsula and contributed to the last 50 years of the organization's development, growth, and progress. These community leaders have positively impacted the lives of countless local community members and enhanced the social fabric of Monterey Peninsula communities by paving the way for other agencies to provide services for seniors.

More than 10 million older Americans face hunger each year, and nearly 970,000 of those senior citizens reside in California, all of whom may be at a greater risk for developing a number of debilitating chronic health conditions if they experience persistent malnourishment and isolation. Powered by the commitment and expertise of its staff members and the dedication and magnanimity of its approximately 525 active volunteers, Meals on Wheels of the Monterey Peninsula demonstrated its inestimable value for homebound seniors, disabled adults, and veterans during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

In 2021 and in the midst of the pandemic, the Home Delivered Meals program provided 110,800 meals and its corps of volunteers

generously contributed 21,800 hours for the purpose of delivering meals, providing a daily wellness check, and connecting with clients through shared moments of compassion and understanding.

Madam Speaker, I offer my sincere appreciation to the Meals on Wheels of the Monterey Peninsula for its fifty years of vital service to our community members in need.

HONORING GRETCHEN EVANS

HON. CHELLIE PINGREE

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. PINGREE. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to recognize a courageous veteran, a resilient leader, and a selfless Mainer. Command Sergeant Major Gretchen Evans of Brunswick, Maine is one of the most decorated female veterans in American history serving in the United States Army for 27 years. Since enlisting at age 19, CSM Evans has served in tours of Kosovo, Bosnia, Somalia, Iraq, and Afghanistan, where she was responsible for more than 30,000 ground troops. Ms. Evans' honorable dedication to defending our country earned her the position of Command Sergeant Major, the highest non-commissioned officer rank in the military.

In 2006, Command Sergeant Major Evans survived a barrage of mortar fire in Afghanistan which rendered her deaf and wounded. After her combat injury, she quickly found renewed vitality by learning to lip read, forging relationships with her "hearing dogs," Aura and Rusty, and by proactively reaching out to fellow veterans with similar lived experience.

Today, in Maine, CSM Evans continues to give back as an active fundraiser and ambassador for local nonprofits which provide support services to disabled veterans and which seek to prevent veteran experienced social isolation and depression. Additionally, CSM Evans is a distinguished public speaker who advocates for the importance of leadership, perseverance, and teamwork, as a part of "Women Veterans Speak," a national speaker's bureau.

When she is not inspiring others to serve, CSM Evans pursues her passion for extreme sports, running 40 marathons. CSM Evans also led UNBROKEN, the first all-mixed abilities team to complete in "The World's Toughest Race," a 670-kilometer, week-long endurance race held in Fiji. This achievement recently earned her the Pat Tillman Award for Service at the 2022 ESPYs, which honors individuals with both strong connections to sports and community leadership. This fall, CSM Evans will also be inducted into the U.S. Veteran's Hall of Fame in recognition for her outstanding meritorious service to our country.

I thank Command Sergeant Major Gretchen Evans, for her selfless acts of duty to keep this Nation safe. The people of Maine are incredibly lucky to have her as an advocate, a leader, and a community member. I wish her the very best and I look forward to seeing her continue to thrive.