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HONORING VANESSA CASTILLO
FOR HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2022

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, Vanessa Castillo has been a public servant for almost 24 years. The daughter of Puerto Rican parents, she was born and raised in Chicago where she began her studies and taught minority youth.

After moving to Florida in 1998, she began working for the Orange County government where she served for nine years in four departments while obtaining her Associate of Arts degree in 2001 from Valencia College. This led to a new career path serving as a clerk for the municipalities of Haines City, Lakeland-by-the-Sea, and Winter Haven, where Vanessa serves as that city's first Hispanic city clerk. While serving the citizens of Winter Haven, she received her Bachelor of Applied Science in Supervision and Management with a concentration in public administration from Polk State College.

A committed public servant, she is honored to serve citizens with integrity, transparency, fairness, honesty, and equality. She is always eager to help them understand the inner workings of government and see it in a positive light. Her greatest motivations are her parents. Her late mother, a native of Caguas, Puerto Rico, came to the U.S. in the 1970s and was a straight-A student who dreamed of becoming an accountant. Yet, she sacrificed her higher education to put her children first. Her father, also from Caguas, came to the U.S. in 1955 to seek better opportunities. A retired electrician, he dropped out of high school to help his family and later received his GED. Through their efforts, Vanessa became a strong and successful Hispanic woman who has never forgotten her roots.

HONORING THE FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH IN ALEXAN-
DRIA, LOUISIANA

HON. JULIA LETLOW

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. LETLOW. Madam Speaker, today I want to honor the First United Methodist Church of Alexandria and its 175 years of service to its congregation and the community.

The First United Methodist Church of Alexandria has an incredibly rich history. In 1847, they were known as the Methodist Church Episcopal South, then recognized as the Methodist Church Episcopal South, where they incorporated the introduction of Methodism in Central Louisiana by the intrepid Methodist Circuit Riders.

Initially, the congregation would come together among various venues for services. The first church building is thought to have been on Front Street, among additional locations, until most of Alexandria was burned by

Union troops as they retreated down the Red River in 1864.

The church was rebuilt in 1907, with the new sanctuary located at 630 Jackson Street. In 1927, the construction of an education building followed. Both buildings stand proudly today, having served the Methodists of Alexandria and other congregations since 1968.

In 1968, the church relocated to its current location at 2727 Jackson Street in Alexandria's historic Garden District. The church has since been expanded and updated to better serve the Congregation and the growing needs of Alexandria and the CenLa region.

Among the church community are 69 pastors, many associate pastors, staffers, and lay leaders that have guided and supported the church as it serves the community through various organizations and initiatives such as sponsoring a Boy Scout Troop, an annual arts festival, Buddy Camp, and Fostering the Community Care Closet.

Today, I come before the House to honor the First United Methodist Church of Alexandria on its 175th anniversary and applaud the service they have shown to the people of Central Louisiana.

HONOR FLIGHT OF SOUTHERN
OREGON

HON. CLIFF BENTZ

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BENTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Korean and Vietnam War Veterans from Oregon's Second Congressional District who are visiting their memorials on the National Mall through the efforts of Honor Flight of Oregon. When I have the opportunity to meet these heroes, I am reminded of the enduring words of Douglas MacArthur, who said, "Duty, honor, country. Those three hallowed words reverently dictate what you ought to be, what you can be, what you will be." The words he spoke then, Madam Speaker, still ring true today. Those who value liberty are indebted to these heroes, for each one of them chose to defend freedom through acts of service, incredible sacrifice, and bravery on behalf of our country. It is my privilege to include in the Record their names.

The Veterans on this Honor Flight from Oregon are as follows: John Cullett, Navy; Thomas Clarke, Marine Corps; Robert Cline, Air Force; Dominic LaRosa, Navy; Harry Nystrom, Navy; Richard Traugh, Army; Virgil Wilkes, Army; Agnes Aamot, Air Force; Edward Seto, Army; Charles Arguijo, Marine Corps; Steven Baker, Navy; John Banuat, Army; Ronald Bly, Marine Corps; Robert Danielson, Air Force; Charles Elmore, Army; Gary Goulart, Navy; Melvin Griffith, Navy; Karl Hoehne, Marine Corps; Larry Larangiera, Army; Richard Otto, Navy; Kenneth Pottmeyer, Army; James Pringle, Navy; Don Stark, Air Force; Clyde Thrift, Air Force; Terry Weakley, Army; Billy Wirch, Navy; Warren Clark, Marine Corps; Charles Elmore, Army; Helene LaRosa, Air Force; Bryan Bailey, Navy; and Nicholas Rupe, National Guard. These heroes join over 240,000 Veterans who have been honored through the Honor Flight Network of volunteers nationwide since 2005.

Madam Speaker, Ronald Reagan affirmed that, "We owe this freedom of choice and ac-

tion to those men and women in uniform who have served this nation and its interests in time of need. In particular, we are forever indebted to those who have given their lives that we might be free." As a nation, we must never take for granted the liberties we enjoy today, recognizing that these freedoms have been hard-won by the honor, commitment, and sacrifice of our Veterans. Each Member in this chamber and citizen in these United States should be humbled by the courage of the brave Veterans who voluntarily underwent dangers and successes in order to preserve our country and way of life. Colleagues, please join me in thanking these Veterans and the volunteers of Honor Flight of Oregon for their remarkable service and devotion to our great country.

RECOGNIZING COMMANDER DAN
DYER AND HIS FAMILY FOR
THEIR SERVICE TO THE GAR-
LAND-TOMPKINS AMERICAN LE-
GION POST 399

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2022

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Commander Dan Dyer and his family for their years of service to the Garland-Tompkins American Legion Post 399. Through their exceptional leadership, steadfast devotion, and willingness to serve, the Dyer family has become an indispensable part of Michigan's First District.

In 1966 at the age of 18, Commander Dyer was drafted into the United States Army. A member of the 1st Infantry Division, Bravo Company, he deployed to Southeast Asia where he served with honor and courage as a radio operator and combat soldier during the Vietnam War. Upon his return to the United States 13 months later, he was stationed at Fort Bragg and served as a Drill Sergeant.

With the support of his wife Cindy and his son Jeff, Commander Dyer has dutifully served the Garland-Tompkins American Legion for more than 20 years. After joining the Post in 2001, he later became Post Vice-Commander and then Post Commander in 2012. In these roles, he worked tirelessly to accomplish the many missions and tasks of the Post. However, he did not do this alone. Both his wife Cindy and his son Jeff have played integral roles in the Post's community outreach efforts—organizing dinners and fundraisers, writing cards to sick Veterans, assisting Post members with their home maintenance needs, along with much more. This family team's collective contributions to the Post and community cannot be overstated.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of Michigan's First Congressional District, I ask you to join me in recognizing the service of Commander Dan Dyer, Cindy Dyer, and Jeff Dyer. Their actions and work have embodied the highest level of patriotism and service to the citizens of their community.

WHEAT RIDGE POULTRY AND
MEAT

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Wheat Ridge Poultry and Meat for receiving the Wheat Ridge Business Association's 2022 Business of the Year Award.

The Wheat Ridge Business of the Year Award is given to businesses within our community who exemplify outstanding service, leadership, and participation in the community and aims to recognize them for their achievement. Eighty years after its original founding in 1942, Wheat Ridge Poultry and Meat remains a cornerstone of Wheat Ridge, Colorado. Driven by the goals of ending food waste and food insecurity, and providing locally sourced fresh products to our community, the operators, Jessica and Bob Babinski, have given back to Wheat Ridge through working with the City to open a food bank for lower income families and those in need of food options. Jessica has leveraged her marketing expertise to not only support her own business, but other businesses within the community too. Wheat Ridge Poultry and Meat has been recognized nationally, receiving visits from USDA Secretary Vilsack and Colorado Department of Agriculture Commissioner Kate Greenberg, as well as being a recipient of the Meat and Poultry Readiness Grant.

Wheat Ridge Poultry and Meat deserves all its accolades, and I cannot thank them enough for how they have given back to the community. Wheat Ridge is made better by businesses like Wheat Ridge Poultry and Meat.

RECOGNIZING FRISCO, TEXAS FIRE
CHIEF MARK PILAND

HON. VAN TAYLOR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to recognize Frisco Fire Chief Mark Piland on his distinguished thirty-five plus year career in Fire-Rescue upon his well-deserved retirement.

Mark Piland earned a Bachelor of Psychology from Old Dominion University prior to obtaining a Master of Public Health with a concentration in Epidemiology from Eastern Virginia Medical School. Chief Piland is also a graduate of The National Fire Academy's Executive Fire Officer Program, the Executive Leader Program at the Naval Postgraduate

School Center for Homeland Defense and Security, and The Senior Executives in State and Local Government at the Kennedy School at Harvard.

Prior to joining the Frisco Fire Department, Piland served as the Fire Chief for Volusia County Fire Services and as a Shift Commander in Operations for the Virginia Beach Fire Department. For 16 years Piland also served on Virginia Task Force 2, a FEMA Urban Search and Rescue Team as Task Force Leader, East Coast Task Force Leader Representative, and as an Incident Support Team Leader for the Federal Urban Search & Rescue Response System with deployments to the Pentagon during the attacks of 9/11, Hurricane Katrina, and the 2010 earthquake in Haiti.

Since joining the Frisco Fire Department in 2013, Chief Piland has helped to oversee the tremendous growth of the Fire Department in one of the fastest-growing cities in the nation. Under his steadfast leadership, the Department has continued to develop a number of community programs to enhance fire safety education as well as the opening of several new stations and a state-of-the-art Public Safety Training Center.

Chief Mark Piland has made a lasting impact through his many efforts to strengthen fire safety in the City of Frisco. Now upon his retirement, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in thanking Chief Piland for his dedicated career and wish him the best as he prepares to begin a new chapter of his life.

HONORING JOSE A. DIAZ-ROMAN
FOR HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2022

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, Jose A. Diaz-Roman is the stakeholder and community relations manager with onePULSE Foundation, the nonprofit organization established following the Pulse Nightclub tragedy of June 12, 2016 to honor and preserve the legacy of the 49 people killed, the ones who survived, and all of the lives affected by the tragedy.

Jose develops and implements stakeholder and community relations programs and is responsible for managing and cultivating relationships with the Pulse-affected and community-based organizations in Central Florida. He also identifies new individuals, organizations, and companies to align with the onePULSE Foundation's promise to "Not Let Hate Win."

He also manages annual family days in Orlando and Puerto Rico to provide victims' families and Pulse survivors with time to gather together in an uplifting atmosphere and ultimately create bonds of support that are crucial

to their continued healing process. Jose also manages ongoing listening sessions with the Pulse-affected and task force members to gather input and feedback about plans for the National Pulse Memorial and Museum and the Orlando Health Survivors Walk.

Jose nurtures meaningful and sustainable relationships with key community groups and delivers the foundation's vision within the local community.

A volunteer for the American Red Cross, Jose also represents the onePULSE Foundation as a member of One Orlando Alliance, serving on the Community Engagement Committee and the Acts of Love and Kindness Committee.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, September 29, 2022 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

OCTOBER 12

10 a.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine putting the Bipartisan Infrastructure law to work, focusing on the private sector perspective.

SD-406

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works

Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure

To hold hearings to examine implementing the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, focusing on opportunities for local jurisdictions to address transportation challenges.

SD-406