

HONORING THE LIFE OF MICHAEL
W. DALY

HON. NICOLE MALLIOTAKIS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 2023

Ms. MALLIOTAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following proclamation.

Whereas: On November 25, 2023, hero firefighter Michael W. Daly of Staten Island succumbed to 9/11 related cancer.

Whereas: Michael W. Daly, who was born on May 21, 1967, in Brooklyn, New York is the proud father to Mason, Madison, and Logan and loving husband to his wife Jessica.

Whereas: Michael W. Daly courageously served as a firefighter with the New York Fire Department's Ladder 87 in Annadale, Staten Island, from 1999 to 2008.

Whereas: Michael W. Daly bravely served the City of New York in the aftermath of the September 11th attacks at Ground Zero.

Whereas: Due to his work at Ground Zero following the September 11th Attacks, sadly contracted two types of 9/11 related cancers.

Whereas: After retiring from the FDNY, Michael W. Daly graciously continued to give back to his community by supporting various charitable causes. These include the March of Dimes, dedicated to saving premature babies, and the American Cancer Society, where he raised awareness of 9/11-related illnesses by serving as the keynote speaker at the 2015 Celebration of Hope Gala.

Whereas: The people of the City of New York and Staten Island are thankful for his years of service to the community in the face of the worst attack on our nation.

It is my sincere pleasure to honor the life and legacy of Michael W. Daly in recognition and grateful appreciation of his invaluable service to our community and country.

Our Nation is forever indebted to him and offers its sincerest gratitude.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 2023

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, I was late to the House floor on the day of November 15, 2023 due to time-sensitive commitments I had as the White House Liaison for the House Democratic Women's Caucus. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 675.

MARIELLE LINK

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 2023

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Marielle Link for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Marielle has achieved great things, all while overcoming adversity and challenges along the way. Students like Marielle, who strive to

make the most of their education, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Marielle's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Oberon Middle School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Marielle Link on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

HONORING KEVIN FUHR

HON. DAN NEWHOUSE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 2023

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the commitment of a devoted Central Washington public servant, Kevin Fuhr. Formerly the Chief of Police for Moses Lake, Chief Fuhr has concluded an illustrious 32-year career in law enforcement and is now ready to move on to the next chapter of his life.

While other regions of Washington State had trouble hiring new police officers, Chief Fuhr's leadership drew people to Moses Lake Police Department in the pursuit of working underneath him. Chief Fuhr's force also spearheaded an exceptional outreach program, and his leadership on my Central Washington Fentanyl Taskforce has fostered a remarkable level of trust within our communities.

When most folks retire, they look forward to all the spare time they will have. However, the call to public service continues to ring for Chief Fuhr, as he has recently been hired as the city manager of Moses Lake, underscoring his unwavering dedication to Central Washington.

I have known Kevin for a long time, and I am proud to call him a dear friend. His leadership, integrity, and commitment to the prosperity of our region has resulted in a wonderful career with more than enough to show for it. It has been a pleasure working with him, and I am looking forward to continuing our collaboration in his new role.

CELEBRATING THE AZTECA
WEDDING PLAZA

HON. RUBEN GALLEG0

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 2023

Mr. GALLEG0. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate over 70 years of the Azteca Wedding Plaza as the Torrez family heads into retirement. Founded in 1950 by Adolfo and Kay Torrez, their children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren have kept the family business thriving over the decades.

Family has been at the center of everything at Azteca. For generations, the Torrezes have proudly served Phoenix families through quinceañeras, weddings, and many other special moments. To be part of memorable occasions and serve their community has been their motivation and constant goal throughout the years.

Prolific entrepreneurs, Adolfo and Kay's first business was Mexican restaurant in downtown

Phoenix. From there, they opened a bar, flower shop, furniture store, and eventually grew into Azteca Wedding Plaza—an entire city block dedicated to the bridal industry. Azteca has been a mainstay in Phoenix's Latino community, providing a welcoming environment for generations of brides and grooms.

Now, as a family, they have determined it is time to retire Azteca. Reaching this conclusion has not been easy, but their decision was fueled by one factor—family. Now, their plan is to spend more time with friends and family and to watch their community grow and prosper.

I would like to congratulate the Torrez family on over 70 years of business and wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

HONORING RON MANESS FOR HIS
MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED
SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF
MOORE COUNTY

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 2023

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ron Maness on his retirement as Moore County Airport Director.

A native of Moore County, Maness displayed a deep passion for the skies throughout his entire career. After graduating from UNC Chapel Hill as a member of the Air Force ROTC, Maness joined the United States Air Force and flew the premier interceptor jet of his time, the supersonic F-106. As his Air Force career progressed, he was promoted to the Air Force precision flight squadron, the Thunderbirds, one of the highest honors an Air Force Pilot can receive.

After his time in the military ended, Maness served as a pilot to U.S. Airways (now American Airlines) for 22 years. Much like his time in the Air Force, Maness' commitment to service and skilled leadership continued during his civilian career. Maness first became Moore County Airport Director in 2004 and would go on to serve in this role on four separate occasions. Each time, Maness set aside everything to answer the call to serve his community. Maness' dedication to service and constant willingness to step up when needed is commendable and inspiring. It has been an honor serving the people of Moore County alongside him.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in congratulating Ron Maness on his retirement and thanking him for his decades of dedicated service to Moore County and our entire Nation.

HONORING COTATI POLICE CHIEF
MICHAEL PARISH

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 2023

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the retirement of Police Chief Michael Parish and his 37 years of service with local law enforcement throughout the state of California, including nearly 13 years as police chief for the city of Cotati.

Chief Parish graduated from California State University Stanislaus with a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice and then attended graduate school at California State University, Long Beach, earning a Master of Science Degree in Emergency Services Administration. From there, he graduated from the Federal Bureau of Investigations National Academy and went on to serve in the California Army National Guard 1st 184th Infantry (Air Assault) Division.

Chief Parish began his career in law enforcement at the Merced County Sheriffs Department, serving as a deputy sheriff for 19 years, before leaving as a sergeant. While at the Merced County Sheriff's Department, Chief Parish was the tactical commander of the Regional S.W.A.T. and the coordinator of the Sheriffs Department Citizen Search and Rescue Team. Chief Parish then moved to the University of California (UC), Merced, where he was second in command as a lieutenant with the UC Merced Police Department. Over the course of five years, Chief Parish was instrumental in building up the new police department with an emphasis on creating connections with his community.

Chief Parish had an illustrious career in Sonoma County, becoming one of the longest serving police chiefs in the state of California. In 2010, he began to serve as the police chief for the city of Cotati. As Chief, he paved the way in California with innovations in modern policing. Chief Parish led the first department in Sonoma County to fully deploy body worn cameras on all officers, worked to support regional response to wildfires in Sonoma County, and served on the Sonoma County Public Safety Consortium to promote unified police and fire dispatch. In addition, Chief Parish helped the Cotati Police Department in the transition to become one of the first police departments in California to deploy fully outfitted electric patrol cars.

When he was not busy on the job, Chief Parish developed a passion for collecting antique road signs and is a loyal Raider football fan. The Chief can now finish fixing up his 1953 Studebaker truck and spend more time with his beloved wife Laura, and his two daughters, Chloe and Kennedy.

Mr. Speaker, we thank Chief Michael Parish for his selfless service and commitment to the people of Cotati and Sonoma County. His efforts have made Cotati a more dynamic, safe, and prosperous city. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

HONORING THE LIFE OF LILLY LOISE CULP HOGAN

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 2023

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Lilly Loise Culp Hogan, age 103 who died on November 19, 2023.

Lilly Loise Culp Hogan was born February 5, 1920, to Lilly Maude and James Monroe Culp in Obion County, TN, and was the tenth of eleven children. She grew up in the community, excelling in her studies and living through the Great Depression on the family farm.

After high school, Loise worked in Union City, TN, where she met her husband, Reed

Blanchard Hogan. Both enlisted in the Navy during World War II. Reed served in the South Pacific as a Marine Raider. Loise became a Wave and was assigned to Naval Intelligence as a Cryptologist, where she helped break Japanese codes. When the war ended, they both attended the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. Loise went on to graduate with a degree in Business Education.

After marrying the love of her life in 1944, the couple lived in Union City, TN, and then in Clarksdale, MS, where they had four children. After Reed's sudden death in 1964, Loise raised her children as a single mom. She instilled in her children the importance of faith and education. Today, two are medical doctors, one has a Ph.D., and one is a lawyer.

Loise later lived in Jackson, MS, to be near her children and grandchildren before entering the Armed Forces Retirement Home in Gulfport in 1993. She genuinely enjoyed the AFRH, finding a wonderful community of veterans, dedicated staff, and many friends. Loise entertained AFRH residents and staff by saying the alphabet backwards and often sang, painted, and dominated bingo and shuffleboard. She enjoyed her longtime friend and companion Andy Pelkofer, who was also her dance partner.

Loise was predeceased by her parents, all siblings, and her beloved husband Reed. She is survived by her children, Mary Beth Hogan of Fayetteville, NC; Reed Blanchard Hogan II of Jackson, MS; Jeannie Hogan Sansing of Oxford, MS; and Kimberly Hogan Pesaniello of Snow Hill, MD. She also adored her seven grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren, as well as many nieces, nephews, and extended family members.

CONGRATULATING DR. BART SCHMITT

HON. YADIRA CARAVEO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 2023

Ms. CARAVEO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Bart Schmitt on his well-deserved retirement from Children's Hospital Colorado.

During his more than 50-year long career, he provided a significant contribution to our state and to our pediatrics community, and I am deeply thankful for all that he has achieved.

His accomplishments, dedication, and tireless labors in pursuit of child health care, will be remembered fondly for years to come. Throughout his tenure, Dr. Schmitt has committed himself to healing and nurturing the children of our community and for that he has my eternal gratitude. From his programming on ambulatory pediatrics to his authorship of telephone triage guidelines, he has made monumental contributions to the field of pediatric medicine and I'm forever grateful for his efforts. Dr. Schmitt's achievements are numerous, and he is an inspiration to those who wish to follow in his footsteps.

As he enters a new phase of his life, I wish him the best in all his future endeavors.

ANGELINA CHERNENKO

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 2023

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Angelina Chernenko for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Angelina has achieved great things, all while overcoming adversity and challenges along the way. Students like Angelina, who strive to make the most of their education, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Angelina's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Three Creeks K-8 School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Angelina Chernenko on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

RECOGNIZING SASHA "TAQWŠBLU" LaPOINTE

HON. MARILYN STRICKLAND

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 2023

Ms. STRICKLAND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sasha "taqwšblu" LaPointe, a Coast Salish poet, essayist, and educator whose work illuminates Native identities, historical memories, and heritages found throughout the United States.

Centered on themes of trauma and resilience, Sasha's poetry and memoirs touch on topics such as PTSD and sexual violence, her great grandmother's efforts to revitalize the Lushootseed language, and personal reflections on her own mixed heritage.

A graduate of the Institute of American Indian Arts with a Master of Fine Arts, Sasha now teaches creative writing as part of the Native Pathways Program at Evergreen State College and is a mentor for Seattle's Youth Poet Laureate program.

I'm proud to shine a spotlight on Sasha, who enriches our South Sound community through her exemplary craft, as our Constituent of the Month.

RECOGNIZING CREDIT UNIONS FOR WORKING TO MAKE ADOPTION AFFORDABLE

HON. ZACHARY NUNN

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 30, 2023

Mr. NUNN of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, this month is National Adoption Month—a source of joy to so many families. This year, my wife Kelly and I have been blessed to welcome two adorable sisters into our family through adoption.

In Congress, I'm determined to make that same joy Kelly and I have experienced a reality for other families in Iowa and across the country. Unfortunately, the financial cost can be a significant barrier to adoption. According to the Department of Health and Human Services, the cost of adoption ranges between \$20,000 to \$50,000.