

1994 with her Juris Doctorate, Claudia created her own firm where she managed a law practice specializing in family law matters serving low-income clients in Santa Ana. Following her time at her firm, she started serving as an Orange County Deputy District Attorney in 1999.

While working at the Orange County District Attorney's Office, Claudia was elected to the City Council of Santa Ana from 2000 to 2012 and actively worked to improve public safety of the city. She joined the Orange County Water District's Board of directors in 2007 to 2012 and ensured clean waters for more than 2.5 million county residents. From 2012 to 2020, she joined the Rancho Santiago Community College District as a Governing Board Member and oversaw the management and operation of the college district, including its two sister colleges, Santa Ana College and Santiago Canyon College.

Aside from her roles in public office, Claudia has invested countless hours in her community through her volunteer work. Claudia has been a mentor for the Puente (Bridge) and Hermanita (Little Sister) programs, has served as president of the Orange County Hispanic Bar Association, vice president of Kinder Caminata, and president of MANA (Orange County Chapter). Claudia has also served as a board member of Community Service Programs (CSP) (now known as Waymakers). She also has volunteered in the award-winning Orange County Gang and Intervention Partnership since 2011.

Her merit has earned her several accolades such as the Past President's Award from the Orange County Hispanic Bar Association in 2000. She has also received California State University of Fullerton's "Distinguished Alumni Recognition—Querer es Poder: 50 Examples" in 2008. In 2016, she was recognized as the Woman of the Year by the National Hispanic Business Women Association in Orange County. Claudia Alvarez has been described as instrumental in improving public safety and quality of life for her community. She has made her community proud and served as a role model that many aspire to follow.

For this reason, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and recognizing my constituent Claudia Alvarez, for her humanitarian accomplishments and her commitment to her community.

TRIBUTE TO Foothill COLLEGE

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 17, 2023

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Foothill College on being named the Best Community College in America by Niche and Stacker. Foothill is located in Los Altos Hills, California, and has been a pioneer in higher education since its founding in 1957. Foothill College democratizes higher education by offering 191 degrees and certificates to students of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities. More than 13,000 students are enrolled each quarter across the institution's learning settings, which include online classes, field sites, and its beautiful campus. More than 60 percent of students are minorities, 45 percent of enrollees are 25 years or older, and women represent more than half of those enrolled.

The values of the College underpin everything it does: honesty, integrity, trust, openness, transparency, forgiveness, sustainability, and excellence. Trust and openness are evident in the sterling review one Junior wrote about Foothill:

"The professors show that they care for their students by being flexible to meet with students one-on-one and they are very big on advocating for diversity within their classrooms [. . .] Most importantly, the professors provide students with the information of almost every resource that is available to us such as tutoring, mental health services, and financial aid resources." (Niche)

Foothill College maintains its excellence by continuously measuring its accessibility, student success, pedagogy, and learning climate. The Financial Aid Office delivers on its mission to make a college education attainable for every student through the Foothill College Promise, two years of free tuition for first-time, full-time students. Student Services creates an inclusive learning community by working with professors to provide personal translation services in 12 languages, including American Sign Language. A survey of recent graduates shows that 85 percent of students who studied Careers in Technical Education got a job in a field similar to their academic focus, and 57 percent of students who entered the work force after community college secured a living wage. Foothill is pushing the boundaries of community college education by offering a bachelor's degree in Dental Hygiene, and a new bachelor's degree in Respiratory Therapy starting in 2024.

Our Nation's Veterans have made Foothill College their home. Working hand-in-hand with the Veterans Resource Center, servicemembers explore careers and become part of the local community. Many transfer to a 4-year college or begin working, empowered by the tools Foothill College has given them.

For all these reasons and more, Foothill College has earned the distinction of 'The Best Community College in America'. As a graduate of a community college myself, I know how valuable a community college education is. How proud I am that the home of Foothill College is California's 16th Congressional District where it is a jewel in the crown of the District that I am so privileged to represent.

HONORING HANNA YUN

HON. MORGAN McGARVEY

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 17, 2023

Mr. MCGARVEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Hanna Yun for her service to Louisville and the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Having grown up in Korea, Hanna is a strong voice for Korean and immigrant communities in Kentucky's Third District. She is currently serving her second term as the President of the Korean American Association of Kentuckiana, and is an activist, volunteer, and leader in outreach. I thank Hanna for her commitment to Louisville's immigrant communities.

RECOGNIZING JOSEPH MCFARLAND III, RECIPIENT OF THE GREATER PITTSBURGH FRIENDLY SONS GILMARTIN ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 17, 2023

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, today I honor Joseph McFarland III, who has been awarded the Gilmartin Achievement Award by the Greater Pittsburgh Friendly Sons of St. Patrick. Joseph will be recognized at the group's annual gathering on March 17, 2023.

Joseph, the son of Joseph and Andrea McFarland, grew up in Old Forge, Pennsylvania. He attended Bishop Hannan High School, graduating with the class of 1987. After high school, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, serving for six years, including during the Gulf War and Operation Desert Storm, before his honorable discharge.

In 1993, Joseph began working as an hourly associate at the Home Depot, beginning his 30-year career in retail. He quickly rose through the ranks, taking on increasingly challenging and increasingly senior positions. He retired from the company in 2015 as a division president, overseeing more than 110,000 associates. Joseph continued to excel in retail executive management. He was based in Dallas, Texas as the chief operations officers of JCPenney, where he was responsible for stores, operations and merchandising.

Since 2018, Joseph has been the executive vice president for Lowe's. He is responsible for nearly 300,000 associates, leading teams relating to stores, contact centers, services, operations, workforce management, asset protection, real estate, facilities, aviation and global security.

In addition to his professional pursuits, Joseph works to give back to his community. He serves on the boards of the Lisa Beth Gerstman Foundation, City of Hope Hardware/Homebuilding Industry, Building Homes for Heroes and the Big XII Council. Together with his wife, Misty, he founded a nonprofit real estate company to provide affordable housing for Georgians in need in the Greater Atlanta area.

I am honored to join with the Greater Pittsburgh Friendly Sons to recognize Joseph, a proud son of Northeastern Pennsylvania, for his impressive career achievements and his military service. May he continue to strive for excellence in his professional and personal endeavors. I wish him the best this St. Patrick's Day.

HONORING JOLENE MOLITORIS

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 17, 2023

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, today, I am honoring and celebrating Jolene Molitoris for all her years of dedicated service to improving rail service and safety in Ohio, and across our country, and around the globe. It is important for me to honor Jolene, who I have known for well over 30 years, dating back to her days with the Ohio Rail Transportation Authority.

As a city planner, I know the importance of transportation and mobility for my constituents

and all Ohioans. The importance of passenger rail and freight rail cannot be overstated, and I was always happy to work with Jolene on projects that helped Toledo and all of northern Ohio. We bonded over our passion for our shared Polish-American heritage, our commitment to working families, and our deep desire to get projects accomplished that made a difference in the lives of Ohioans.

One fond memory of Jolene comes to mind, in particular. It was cold and we were working to renovate Toledo's Amtrak station, and to do so required we had to take down a mammoth old dairy building. It was huge. So I called Jolene and I asked her if she'd ever taken down a building? And of course, her answer was no.

Well, Jolene came to Toledo, rolled up her sleeves, and helped to demolish that building with a giant crane and wrecking ball so we could get the job done. It was an unforgettable experience and something I remember, to this day. If you want someone in your corner to help roll up their sleeves and get the job done, Jolene Molitoris is the woman to call.

Jolene also went on to shatter many glass ceilings over her storied career. In 1993, President Clinton nominated her to serve as Federal Railroad Administrator, and she became the first woman ever to head that agency. Jolene went on to become the longest serving FRA Administrator in our Nation's history. In 1995, Jolene was recognized by WTS as Woman of the Year, one of many honors and awards bestowed upon her. In 2009, Governor Ted Strickland appointed her as the first woman to lead the Ohio Department of Transportation, and she went on to chair the Ohio Rail Development Commission.

While rail in Ohio is top of mind for so many in our region and across the nation, after derailments in recent months, it is important to know that there are great minds like Jolene that have long been committed to improving rail safety for America's communities. I want to congratulate Jolene on this special recognition, and I'm honored to be able to share my memories with Jolene during this International Women's History Month of our time working together to move America forward.

Warmest congratulations to Jolene. Job well done.

HONORING JACKIE FLOYD

HON. MORGAN MCGARVEY

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 17, 2023

Mr. MCGARVEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jackie Floyd as part of Women's History Month.

As a civil rights activist and icon, Jackie Floyd has been a lifelong advocate for the Russell neighborhood and its community members. She has inspired generations of Louisvillians to get engaged and come together to work toward a common goal. Jackie is a steadfast champion of equality and I thank her for her tremendous dedication to Louisville.

RECOGNIZING PAT LAWSON MUSE

HON. JAMIE RASKIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 17, 2023

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Pat Lawson Muse on the occasion of her retirement after 40 remarkable years with NBC4-TV in Washington, D.C. Pat is an Emmy award-winning anchor who, together with Barbara Harrison, made broadcast history in the mid-1980s when they formed the first all-female local TV news anchor team in the Nation. The people of Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C. are now celebrating Pat's 40 years of excellence in broadcast journalism and service to the entire Washington region. As an anchor and general assignment reporter Pat has been a fixture on local television news, covering and reporting many of the most significant local and national stories of our time.

For decades Pat has also been a familiar face on Sunday mornings hosting NBC4's community affairs programs, including Reporter's Notebook, Viewpoint and News4 Your Sunday, exploring many of the most important issues affecting people in our region, such as finances, health, education, public safety, faith and the environment. In addition, since 1984 Pat has been the leading force in NBC4's Food 4 Families campaign which has fed tens of thousands of families, veterans, senior citizens, and others in need during the Thanksgiving period.

Muse, whose broadcast career began in radio, has been inducted into the National Association of Television Arts and Sciences Silver Circle.

We salute Pat not only for representing the local TV broadcasting profession with such excellence but for serving the many diverse communities in and around the state of Maryland with such great integrity, dignity, and uncompromising commitment to the common good of our people.

HONORING CAPTAIN JILL JAMES

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 17, 2023

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of Captain Jill James as she retires from the United States Navy after 34 years of extraordinary service.

Hailing from Sausalito in Marin County, Jill commissioned as an ensign in April 1989 after graduating from the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law. She was a direct commission to the active-duty Navy Judge Advocate General's Corps, and following her completion of Naval Justice School in Newport, Rhode Island, she reported to Naval Legal Service Office, Treasure Island, in San Francisco, California, to begin her career.

After serving at Treasure Island, Jill was reassigned to Naples, Italy, where she worked on a mobile trial team for two years, traveling to various commands in an area of responsibility stretching from Scotland to Bahrain. Her final active-duty assignment brought her back to San Francisco, as the Head Defense Coun-

sel at Naval Legal Service Office, West. Once she transitioned to the Navy Reserve, Jill went on to serve as Commanding Officer, Region Legal Service Office Pearl Harbor; Commanding Officer, Region Legal Service Office Japan; and Staff Judge Advocate, Navy Region Northwest, Reserve Component Command. Jill was recalled to active duty in September 2019 for twelve months to deploy overseas. Post-deployment, Jill was assigned to Region Legal Service Office Western Pacific.

Jill's public service is not limited to her work in the Navy. Jill has served on the Sausalito City Council since 2014, and performed duties as Vice Mayor in 2015 and Mayor in 2016 and 2021. She has served as the City's School District Liaison and as the alternate to the Marin Telecommunications Agency. Jill has also represented the City on the Marin Bay Waterfront Adaptation Vulnerability Evaluation (BayWAVE) and as the alternate delegate to the Association of Bay Area Government.

Jill has cultivated an extensive civilian career alongside her reserve service. After transitioning from active duty, she worked in civil litigation, managing trial teams in the San Francisco Superior Court and nearby jurisdictions as a lead counsel. She later specialized in wine and vineyard law, and went on to co-found an ecommerce company, Qorkz Wine, that facilitates wine sales from limited production wineries directly to consumers.

Mr. Speaker, Captain Jill James exemplifies what it means to be a community-minded public servant. Her dedicated service both on the Sausalito City Council and in the United States Navy has left a positive impact locally in Marin County and on Navy operations worldwide. Therefore, please join us in congratulating her for decades of inspiring work and in wishing her a fulfilling military retirement.

RECOGNIZING JAMES T. ROONEY, RECIPIENT OF THE GREATER PITTSBURGH FRIENDLY SONS SWINGLE AWARD

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 17, 2023

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, today I honor James T. Rooney who has been awarded the W. Francis Swingle Award by the Greater Pittsburgh Friendly Sons of St. Patrick. He will be recognized at the group's annual gathering on Friday, March 17, 2023.

James is the son of the late James A. Rooney and Margaret Mary Hennigan Rooney and a lifelong resident of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He graduated from St. John the Evangelist High School with the Class of 1976, and he continued his academic career at Luzerne County Community College, studying fire science. He also completed coursework at the Pennsylvania State Fire Academy in Lewistown, Pennsylvania.

James first followed his passion for firefighting by joining the Niagara Engine Co. No. 2 as a volunteer firefighter in July 1976. He rose through the ranks to be named secretary then captain of the company. In December 1980, he was hired as a part-time fire truck driver, then hired as a full-time fighter and apparatus operator in April 1985. In 1992, James