

HONORING MR. ODED NORKIN

HON. ELISSA SLOTKIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 27, 2023

Ms. SLOTKIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Oded Norkin, an extraordinary public servant who over the past year has provided extensive humanitarian assistance to the Country of Ukraine. When Russia began its illegal invasion of Ukraine on February 24, 2022, Mr. Norkin answered the call and selflessly dedicated his time to sourcing and delivering critical aid to the most vulnerable citizens of Ukraine. For Mr. Norkin, this was personal: his grandparents, Sara and Moshe Norkin, were killed in the streets of Odesa, Ukraine, in 1941, during the Holocaust. Mr. Norkin, who was born in Israel and served in the Israeli Army during the 1973 war before immigrating to the United States in 1978, has become a pillar of the community in Mid-Michigan. A man of action, he immediately looked for ways to help.

Mr. Norkin, alongside the Greater Lansing Jewish Federation and concerned citizens across the State of Michigan and beyond, gathered donations for the people of Ukraine. Separate from his activism, Mr. Norkin serves as the Vice President of Michigan Flyer, a public-transportation bus company. Because of this, he was able to translate his knowledge of the transportation industry into lifesaving help for the people of Ukraine. In the early days of the war, Mr. Norkin, together with a team of volunteers, helped evacuate elderly and infirm citizens of Odesa and Kharkiv to safety. Mr. Norkin and his team also secured five vehicles—four ambulances and one commercial vehicle—and necessary medical supplies and emergency equipment to be sent to Ukraine. The Greater Lansing Jewish Federation raised donations to cover the cost of an ambulance, defibrillators, and additional first aid supplies.

The ambulances were refurbished, supplied with emergency equipment specific to conflict zones, and delivered to cities across Ukraine. Mr. Norkin transferred the first of these ambulances to Odesa in March 2022. Within a month, a second and third ambulance were sent to Dnipro full of supplies to help aid vulnerable citizens. The fourth ambulance was later sent to Kyiv, and a commercial evacuation vehicle was sent to Chernivtsi.

Mr. Norkin has galvanized support for the Ukrainian people across Michigan and beyond. He has partnered with civil society leaders in Israel and Romania who have supported his efforts and connected him with like-minded individuals who assisted in completing these missions.

Mr. Norkin remains an important leader in his local community. Even while traveling abroad to deliver aid, he remains active in the Kehillat Israel Congregation and the Rotary International Service Club. Through these connections, Mr. Norkin continues to recruit, organize, and inspire others to join him in his mission to provide humanitarian assistance to the people of Ukraine.

Mr. Oded Norkin continues to carry out this important work. He answers to a higher call to render assistance to those in greatest need, stands as a shining example and inspiration to all for his selfless efforts to provide humani-

tarian assistance to the people of Ukraine, and will forever be remembered.

HONORING THE LAKE COUNTY
CAMPUS OF WOODLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Lake County Campus of Woodland Community College in recognition of their 50th anniversary.

Founded in 1972, the college was originally named the Lake County Center of Yuba College and offered academic and career technical courses at the Konocti Harbor Inn in Kelseyville. Two years later, it moved to Clearlake where it began to grow into the 12.7 acre facility it is today. The college was recognized as a center by the California Commission of Post-Secondary Education in 1990 and renamed "Clear Lake Campus" in 2003. It is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

The college's most recent expansion came in 2012 when it added a new student services center, library, kitchen, dining room and additional classrooms. In July 2016, the college merged with the Woodland Community College and adopted its current name. Last year, the City of Clearlake announced that it would invest \$55,000 in the Lake County Campus to implement a last dollar scholarship program.

In its 50-year history, the Lake County Campus has developed a reputation as one of California's premiere community colleges, offering acclaimed courses in business, early childhood education, biology, welding, chemical dependency counseling and various other subjects to thousands. It has also helped make college more affordable by offering two years of pre-transfer work for students interested in attending other institutions. The Lake County Campus prioritizes diversity of background and thought, providing interactive classrooms that encourage an open exchange of ideas.

In 2000, the college opened its culinary department which has since grown into one of its most popular programs. Under the leadership of Chef Robert Cabrerros, the department includes the student-run Aroma's Restaurant and offers multiple certificates as well as a partnership with the United States Coast Guard.

Mr. Speaker, the Lake County Campus of Woodland Community College has been a source of quality education for over half a century and made immeasurable contributions to its community. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that it is honored here today.

HONORING SPC. JAMES L.
SCHREINER

HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 27, 2023

Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituent Army Specialist,

5th Class James L. Schreiner of Seymour, Tennessee for his valiant service during the Vietnam War from February 1966 through January 1969.

Specialist Schreiner served 2 tours of duty with the 572nd Transportation Company in Long Binh and Bien Hoa, Vietnam, where he delivered ammunition and supplies directly to the front lines of battle. Following his military service, Specialist Schreiner returned to Chicago to raise his two sons with his wife, Diane, where he joined the Chicago Police Department as a patrolman and later homicide detective.

After 31 years of public service, Specialist Schreiner retired from law enforcement in 2002. He is deeply proud of his 2 sons, who are both colonels serving in the U.S. Army and Space Force, as well as his 6 grandchildren, one of whom is also an Army officer.

HONORING CHARLES NORTHPROP'S
MILITARY SERVICE AND RECENT
CELEBRATION OF HIS 100TH
BIRTHDAY

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor to recognize retired aviator Charles Northrop for his distinguished military service and for recently celebrating his 100th birthday. Flying P51s during World War II, Charles Northrop valiantly served our Nation during the largest global conflict in history. He is a longtime resident of Traverse City and has had a profound impact on his community. Northrop's commitment to the state of Michigan and to the defense of our Nation has been unwavering and serves as an inspiration to many.

Joining the armed forces in the early 1940s, Charles was assigned to his unit and began his time in the P51 Mustang shortly thereafter. While flying for the United States, Charles became an indispensable part of our rapidly expanding wartime air wing. Upon the War's conclusion, Charles returned to the United States and started his time at Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama. Established in 1941, Redstone Arsenal acted as a chemical weapons production center and is now one of the Nation's largest defense complexes.

Charles Northrop is a living testament to the sacrifice and fortitude of countless United States servicemen and women. He has dedicated himself to our Nation in service both at home and abroad and is the embodiment of American exceptionalism. His recent birthday on February 13th, on which he turned 100 years of age, is worthy of our recognition and celebration. I wish you a happy birthday, Charles, and thank you for your tireless service to our country and to the residents of Michigan's First District.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Charles Northrop for his service in the U.S. Armed Forces and for his 100th birthday, celebrated on February 13, 2023. On behalf of Michigan's First District, I extend my gratitude to Mr. Northrop for his legacy of service and wish him a happy birthday. I would also like to extend my best wishes to him and his family in their future endeavors.

HONORING THE CONTRA COSTA SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MARK DESAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 27, 2023

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions of the Contra Costa Special Districts Association (CCSDA) on its 30th anniversary.

Since 1993, CCSDA has provided a space for Contra Costa's independent special districts to exchange ideas and information in order to best serve our communities. The organization was founded when Chuck Beesley, former General Manager of the Contra Costa Mosquito Abatement District and Bob Berggren, General Manager of the Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District, realized the need for a space in which Contra Costa's special districts could work together on various regional issues. CCSDA was founded in order to ensure that special districts receive tax revenue needed to provide essential services to the public and to increase awareness of the services special districts provide.

As part of its work, CCSDA plays a key role in disseminating important information from Contra Costa County's special districts to key stakeholders, the public, and local government agencies. This is critical as special districts provide an array of services to Contra Costa residents including fire protection, parks and recreation, flood control, natural resource conservation, wastewater management, and more. Further, CCSDA facilitates communication between the special districts and provides a space for the County's special districts to collaborate on a number of projects. Additionally, CCSDA works closely with the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) to promote good governance by offering professional development resources to the special districts. Their work has been instrumental in expanding local services and improving access to public services.

Please join me in recognizing the Contra Costa Special Districts Association's 30th anniversary and congratulating them on their success.

HONORING S. DALE HIGH

HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 27, 2023

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my sincere congratulations to Mr. S. Dale High, of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, as he has been named the recipient of the Distinguished Citizen of the Commonwealth Award from the Pennsylvania Society.

Dale High is the Chair Emeritus of the High Companies. In 1963, Dale joined his father and brother in the family business, becoming Chairman of the Board, President and CEO in 1977. Over the course of 60 years since he joined the business, Dale has transformed the company through expansion into new industries, employing nearly 2,000 individuals across 38 facilities in 8 states.

In 1980, the High Foundation was formed. It is a charitable organization which has given

generously to support organizations and to eliminate the issues that contribute to the cycle of poverty.

The High Foundation supports those working to solve problems with education, housing, transportation, healthcare, financial literacy, childcare, nutrition, and more.

There is no question the positive impact that Dale High's actions and leadership have contributed to our Lancaster County community and beyond. He is certainly a Distinguished Citizen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. I congratulate him on this well-deserved award and thank him for making a difference in our community.

HONORING E-4 CORPORAL KYLE E. PRICE

HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 27, 2023

Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituent E-4 Corporal Kyle E. Price of Elizabethton, Tennessee, who I had the privilege to meet at our Carter County Pin Ceremony.

Cpl. Price says he became both "a man and a lifelong Marine" in March of 1970, after he graduated from Boot Camp at Paris Island. Cpl. Price specialized as a machine gunner where he wielded an M60 squad automatic weapon, nicknamed "The Pig" due to its sheer size, and carried 200 linked rounds of ammunition every single day in defense of our Nation and freedoms. His duty stations included Camp Geiger (NC), Sea School Norfolk Naval Shipyard (VA), Hue and Da Nang (Vietnam), Marine Barracks Alameda Naval Air Station (CA), and the Marine Barrack Subic Bay Naval Base, Olangapo (Philippines).

He was also assigned security duties aboard the USS *Enterprise* CVAN-65, the first nuclear-powered ship to engage in combat, when she launched aircraft against the Viet Cong. His lifelong status as a Marine has continued far beyond active duty as a member of The Tri-Cities Detachment of the Marine Corps League (Gray), where he served as Commandant.

He is also a life member of VFW Post 2166 (Elizabethton), American Legion Post 24 (Johnson City) and an officer of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs Pound 300 TN Pack, the Honor Society of the Marine Corps League.

HONORING THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS CHERRYLAND POST 2780 FOR 90 YEARS OF CONTINUED SERVICE

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 27, 2023

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor to commemorate the Veterans of Foreign Wars Cherryland Post 2780 for 90 years of continued service to their members and community. Since being chartered in 1933, Post 2780 has grown significantly, originally having 43 members, and now boasting more

than 900 members. Post 2780 has cemented itself as one of Northern Michigan's most impactful organizations for community members and veterans alike. Their impact on the community is immeasurable, and their organization has become an indispensable part of Michigan's First District.

Since 1933, this post has encountered obstacles on all fronts, yet has continually evolved to stand the test of time and to become one of America's most respected VFW posts due to their exemplary work at the district, state, and national levels. Through donation drives and fundraisers, Post 2780 has helped their community and local veterans acquire the necessary tools to live happy and healthy lives. From distributing donated wheelchairs to those in need, to being a key contributor to the Toys for Tots Program, Post 2780 prioritizes the most vulnerable members of society and aims to make an indelible impact on all who require assistance.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize the Veterans of Foreign Wars Cherryland Post 2780's staff, families, members, and volunteers for their continued efforts to make the post an extraordinary part of Northern Michigan. On behalf of Michigan's First District, I wish them all the best in their future endeavors and wished everyone had a safe and enjoyable afternoon at their 90th Anniversary event on Saturday, March 25th.

RECOGNIZING DENISE JONES

HON. BETH VAN DUYN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 27, 2023

Ms. VAN DUYN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize North Texas teacher Denise Jones. Denise has faithfully served Birdville Independent School District for over 50 years as an administrative assistant and educator. Denise is a dedicated, loving and loyal teacher who cares about her students and their well-being.

Joining Birdville ISD in 1972 as a senior in high school, Denise has shown unwavering commitment to the school district and her students. 2023 marks her 50th year as an educator working across numerous grade levels and subjects. This year also marks her 25th working in the special education department. Denise believes regardless of what may be happening in the world, teaching children kindness should always be a priority. I think I speak for everyone in Birdville ISO and in Texas-24 when I say thank you to Denise for devoting 50 years of her life to educating our children and securing their future.

I congratulate Denise on earning this recognition for all her tireless and dedicated work.

HONORING SPC. BOBBY L. MCCLURE

HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 27, 2023

Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituent Army Specialist Bobby L. McClure of Sevierville, Tennessee