

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

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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

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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

for his distinguished service from May 1966 through May 1968.

In December 1966, Specialist McClure arrived in Vietnam where he served the 231st Signal Detachment attached to the 220th Aviation Company, which provided close air support missions in support of the Marines in Phu Bai near Hue. Specifically, Specialist McClure maintained and fixed aircraft navigation and radio equipment for the 220th Aviation Company.

After completing his military enlistment, Specialist McClure worked for Hewlett-Packard in Colorado and Maryland, before he returned to his hometown of Sevierville in 1976.

INTRODUCTION OF THE SECURE AND FAIR ENFORCEMENT BANKING ACT

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 27, 2023

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, yesterday Representative Dave Joyce and I introduced the Secure and Fair Enforcement Banking Act, or the SAFE Banking Act. This legislation would prevent federal interference in the relationship between a depository institution and a cannabis or cannabis-associated business. This legislation will also protect these businesses' employees are eligible for federal loans and other banking services like employees of any other legal business.

U.S. cannabis laws are broken, including those that prevent state-legal cannabis businesses from accessing banking services and force regulated businesses to operate fully in cash. To date, 38 states have enacted medical marijuana programs, including 21 states that have also decriminalized broader adult use. However, the conflict between state regulation and federal prohibition prevents many financial institutions, including community development financial institutions, minority depository institutions, and credit unions, from serving cannabis and cannabis-related businesses and their employees. Denying state-legal med-

ical and adult-use cannabis businesses, particularly small and locally owned businesses, access to banking services is untenable. Without access to bank accounts, credit cards, and checks, state-legal cannabis and cannabis-related businesses are forced to operate in cash, leaving them vulnerable to a dangerous and deadly pattern of violent robberies.

The SAFE Banking Act will finally allow state regulated cannabis and related businesses to access banking services. This legislation will save lives and livelihoods.

The House has passed the SAFE Banking Act on a bipartisan basis seven times. I am delighted that the Senate is joining us in making it a priority. I look forward to working with our co-leads and our colleagues in the House and Senate to enact this legislation and end the harmful prohibition on banking services for state-legal cannabis businesses.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DANIEL T. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 27, 2023

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to attend votes due to a medical procedure. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 195 (PQ-H. Res. 327), NAY on Roll Call No. 196 (H. Res. 327), and YEA on Roll Call No. 197 (H.R. 1353).

HONORING TRAVERSE CITY'S OUTGOING CITY MANAGER, MARTY COLBURN

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 27, 2023

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Traverse City's outgoing City Manager, Marty Colburn, for his exceptional work since taking the position in 2015.

Throughout his time as Traverse City's City Manager, Marty has displayed exceptional professionalism and gained the respect of many in his community.

In nearly eight years as City Manager, Marty has overseen the completion of multiple community projects that have benefited the city and the livelihoods of its residents. From the long-anticipated Boardman Lake Loop Trail to affordable housing projects, Marty has pushed many initiatives over the finish line for the health and well-being of all community members.

Marty's accomplishments are deserving of respect and have had an indelible impact on Traverse City and the surrounding region. The relationships he has forged with local townships and communities will continue to have positive effects for years to come. Marty deserves praise for his time as City Manager and his continued devotion to the community he served.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Marty Colburn for nearly eight years of service as Traverse City's City Manager. On behalf of Michigan's First District, I extend my gratitude to Marty and his family and wish them the best in their future endeavors.

HONORING MSG. (RET.) CARL WAYNE NICHOLS

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 MSG. (Ret.) Carl Wayne Nichols for his distinguished service in the U.S. Army.

Hailing from Butler, Tennessee, MSG. Nichols began his service in 1970, during which he toured Vietnam as a member of the 173rd Airborne.

MSG. Nichols continued his service as a member of Operation Desert Storm, and later in Indianapolis, Indiana. Join me in thanking him for his service.