

HONORING TROY POLICE DETECTIVE SGT. MICHAEL E. PARROW, SR.

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 11, 2023

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of service and sacrifice of Army veteran and Troy City Police Detective Sgt. Michael E. Parrow, Sr.

Sgt. Parrow graduated from La Salle Institute in Troy in 1973. After graduating, he enlisted in the United States Army serving in Vietnam and in Europe as a Military Policeman while simultaneously attending the University of Maryland—Europe. Sgt. Parrow's service overseas earned him the Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and numerous awards for proficiency with his standard issue service weapons.

Upon returning home in 1976, Sgt. Parrow would join the Rensselaer County Sheriff's Department where he would serve for 7 years as a deputy. Sgt. Parrow then began working for the Troy City Police Department. While serving as an officer, he received the Silver Shield Award for heroism, the John J. Givney "Officer of the Year" award, and earned more than 60 letters of commendation and awards for noteworthy performance as an officer of the law.

During his time with the Troy Police Department, Sgt. Parrow proudly served in various positions ranging from patrolman to evidence technician before his promotion to Sergeant in 2003. He was assigned to the detective bureau in 2005 where he remained for 13 years until his retirement in 2018. Despite stepping away from the department, Michael remained an employee of Rensselaer County Health Department as a medicolegal death investigator.

Even when not in uniform, Michael Parrow, Sr. still found ways to serve his local community. He was known for coaching the Lansingburgh Little League and Pop Warner football teams, becoming loved by players and parents alike for his team spirit, camaraderie, and dedication to the programs. Michael served as the president of Capital District Pop Warner for years and was an active member of the Eastern Region staff.

Sgt. Parrow's record of service to his country and Rensselaer County is admirable, and it is my honor to recognize the commendable career and inspiring legacy of Detective Sgt. Michael E. Parrow, Sr.

HONORING JIANNA CELESTIN

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the service and accomplishments of Jianna Celestin, my intern who is transitioning from my office to continue her mission. A Florida native with Haitian origins, Jianna came to my office ready to leave her impact on international relations. While in my office, Jianna has pushed my agendas to great lengths—from drafting memos, to organizing information, to researching data.

In our time together, I have recognized that Jianna is a force in civil rights. Her passion

has been powerful over the semester as we have fought for the lives of underserved and disadvantaged communities. Her commitment to social justice has led Jianna to serve as vice-president of the Students of Color Association at Miami Country Day School. Jianna is in the process of completing a Global Studies Diploma Endorsement project. Jianna has and will continue to make a difference and leave her mark on policy as she continues to fight for a better system.

On behalf of Florida's 24th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Jianna Celestin for her exemplary accomplishments, dedication to public service, and trailblazing leadership.

HONORING SENATOR BILL DODD

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 Senator Bill Dodd, who was recognized by the Napa County Farm Bureau with the 2023 Lifetime Achievement Award. Senator Dodd is presented with this award for his effectiveness in resolving public policy issues and consistent dedication to Napa County and the Napa County Farm Bureau.

Senator Dodd was born and raised on a small farm in Napa. He earned his bachelor of arts degree in business administration from California State University, Chico. During college he was involved in student government, serving on the Policy Advisory Board and as president of the Inter-Fraternity Council. Before being elected to the State Senate, he owned and operated one of the largest full-service Culligan Water operations in California and served as president of the water quality industry's state and national trade associations. In 1985, he was elected President of the Pacific Water Quality Association (PWQA) and in 1994 he was elected to National Water Quality Association (WQA). During his tenure, the industry embraced third-party certification of water treatment products and lobbied in Sacramento on important legislation to protect consumers.

In 2000, Senator Dodd was elected to the Napa County Board of Supervisors. During his service, he helped complete the Napa flood control project—which protects thousands of properties from flooding—restored 900 acres of environmental wetlands and secured \$1 billion in investment for local businesses. After 14 years on the Board of Supervisors, he was elected to the California State Assembly where he worked to help small businesses, protect the environment, and support seniors and working families. He advanced a balanced, sustainable budget that invests in our state's education system from preschool through higher education. Senator Dodd also helped establish the state's Earned Income Tax Credit, promoted career technical education, and supported the creation of the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument that preserved over 330,000 acres of the California Coast Ranges in Napa, Yolo, Solano, Lake, Colusa, Glenn and Mendocino counties.

After a year in the Assembly, Senator Dodd was elected to the California State Senate,

representing California's 3rd district which encompasses all of Napa, Solano, and Yolo counties and portions of Contra Costa, Sonoma, and Sacramento counties. He serves as the chair of the Senate Governmental Organization Committee and is a co-chair of the Senate Select Committee on California's Wine Industry and the Legislative Delta Caucus. Senator Dodd's work has covered many topics from improving public education and the environment to data privacy and protecting seniors. He has established himself as 1 of the most prolific lawmakers in our state, writing 99 bills that have been signed into law. In addition, he has been a leader on wildfire safety and prevention legislation, writing numerous bills to protect Californians from future fires and accompanying utility rate hikes.

When he is not at the State Capitol, Senator Dodd enjoys spending time with his wife Mary and their 5 children and 12 grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, Senator Dodd is deeply appreciated for his dedication to solving policy issues. There is no doubt that Senator Dodd has been a dedicated advocate for Napa County and beyond. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

RECOGNIZING MS. ANGELINE ALLARD

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 11, 2023

Mr. GALLAGHER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the remarkable life of Angeline Allard. Angie was a great Wisconsinite, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and community servant. Her life is a demonstration of what it truly means to care and what it means to passionately serve one's community.

Angie was born in 1942 and grew up in Detroit, Michigan. For four years, she lived in The Guardian Angel Home, an orphanage that became her home after the passing of her father. While there, she learned many life lessons and developed her caring spirit.

Angie was known throughout the community as the "Angel of Paul's Pantry." She volunteered for the first time with the Green Bay pantry in 1985, and one year later she became the first employee. She dedicated 38 years to the pantry and took incredible pride in the service that she provided to the community. She was the go-to person at the pantry and took on many different roles including overseeing all visitors, managing daily food distribution, and much more. She dedicated her life to the pantry and was constantly present.

Angie was known for her no-nonsense leadership and tough as nails exterior that made her devotion and service to Paul's Pantry truly remarkable. She was a tough woman that possessed a heart of gold and a remarkable sense of generosity. In 2003 she received an Apostolic blessing by Pope John Paul II from the Vatican in recognition of her dedication to her community. She even made an appearance on The Glenn Beck radio show in 2013 to recognize her incredible efforts to Paul's Pantry.

Aside from her service to the pantry, she gave back to the community in any way she could—she loved to give away fresh vegetables from her garden and would not take no

for an answer. Her devotion to others was relentless and she especially loved to take care of children.

Angie is survived by her children Marie and William, her siblings Beverly, Carolyn, Elaine, and Michael, her four grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. Angie will be remembered and missed by many throughout the community. Her service, dedication, and lifelong commitment to Paul's Pantry have created a legacy that will not be soon forgotten. My prayers and condolences go out to her family and to all the people she impacted.

TRIBUTE TO NACHHATTAR AND
SUSANA CHANDI

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 11, 2023

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Nachhattar and Susana Chandi on receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Greater Coachella Valley Chamber of Commerce. Nachhattar and Susana have been true leaders in the Coachella Valley for decades, and residents throughout the community deeply appreciate their many contributions.

The Chandi family story is one that echoes the epitome of the American dream. Both Nachhattar and Susana are immigrants who have become naturalized U.S. citizens while growing a highly successful family business. The couple co-founded the Chandi Group USA, which owns and operates more than 20 gas station and convenience stores, nearly a dozen car washes, and several restaurant businesses. Nachhattar's passion for development led to the establishment of the Black Gold Builders Group, which is responsible for the construction of the Chandi Group's projects. In total, more than 700 people are employed in the Coachella Valley and throughout California by the Chandi Group USA.

In addition to growing a thriving business, Nachhattar and Susana have been incredibly generous in supporting philanthropic causes in the Coachella Valley and beyond. Nachhattar currently sits on the Pepperdine University Board of Trustees and the couple supports over 34 youth, military, senior and community-based organizations from El Centro to Sacramento, California. He has been honored with numerous awards recognizing his leadership and his charitable contributions to the community. He has been named "Business Person of the Year" by the State Legislature in 2013, the Entrepreneur of the Year for 2015 by both the Indio Chamber of Commerce and Rotary International, Indian Wells, and the 2018 Large Business of the Year by the Greater Coachella Valley Chamber of Commerce. Susana has been an active affiliate of Steven's Hope for Children, Dr. Carreon Foundation, Mecca & North Shore Community, Family YMCA of the Desert, Big Sisters Big Brothers of the Desert, and the Boys and Girls Club of the Coachella Valley.

With their admirable record of entrepreneurship and service, Nachhattar and Susana Chandi are incredibly deserving of the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Greater Coachella Valley Chamber of Commerce. I

would like to thank Nachhattar and Susana for their friendship and selfless dedication to our community and wish them the very best in the future.

HONORING MADHULIKA SINGH, RECIPIENT OF THE AMERICAN DREAM AWARD

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 11, 2023

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Madhulika Singh, whom I have selected to receive the American Dream Award for California's 4th Congressional District. This award recognizes the achievements of immigrants in my district who have made remarkable contributions to our communities in the areas of Arts and Culture, Professional Achievement, Entrepreneurship and Innovation or Community Service. Ms. Singh is very deserving of this award and recognition.

Ms. Singh was born in New Delhi, India, and moved to the United States to receive her master's degree in electrical engineering from Yale University. She earned 2 additional master's degrees in business administration and information management from Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri. Ms. Singh is the first person in her family to make a life for herself in the United States, and she credits her success to her strong educational foundation and family relationships.

Ms. Singh is deeply involved in her community and holds numerous volunteer positions. She has volunteered as a phone operator with Next Door Solutions to Domestic Violence and as a speaker for the Role Model Program in at-risk schools in and around San Jose. Immigrant role models of color like Ms. Singh are essential in offering students diverse perspectives and uplifting the voices of underrepresented communities.

She is Co-founder and President of the PreetiRange Sanctuary in Solano County where she devotes her efforts to animal rights in California and beyond. PreetiRange hosts the annual University of California, Davis People for the Elimination of Animal Cruelty through Education event, partners with the Jain Community of Northern California for a program that teaches young people about having compassion towards animals and partners with the City of Ten Thousand Buddhas at Ukiah, CA, for annual liberation of animals.

Ms. Singh understands that education is a key to success and is dedicated to bettering our community at home and around the world via education. She has conducted India Culture and Traditions seminars for school-teachers to spread awareness and support the ongoing professional enhancement of teachers. Her animal sanctuary participates in Peña Adobe Historical Society's outreach program, which is an invaluable educational resource in her community. Her support of the India Literacy Project and her time visiting nonformal education centers illustrates her beliefs that education should be available to everyone.

When she is not fiercely advocating for animal rights or issues that affect the Indian community, Ms. Singh enjoys spending time with her husband Michael and their 4 children, Brian, Madhur, Rebecca and Manisha.

Mr. Speaker, we recognize Madhulika Singh for her achievements and for enriching our community. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor her here today with the American Dream Award.

HONORING RICKY RODRIGUEZ

HON. FEDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 11, 2023

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the service and accomplishments of Ricky Rodriguez, my intern who is transitioning from my office to continue his mission.

A Florida native with Cuban and Haitian origins, Ricky came to my office ready to impact the American system. While in my office, Ricky has pushed my civil rights agenda to great lengths—from drafting memos, to organizing information, to researching data.

In our time together, I have recognized that Ricky is a force in policy. His passion has been powerful over the semester as we have fought for the lives of underserved and disadvantaged communities. His commitment to justice has led Ricky to graduate from Florida A&M University, where he obtained a Bachelor's in Political Science. Ricky has and will continue to make a difference and leave his mark on public policy as he continues to fight for a better system.

On behalf of Florida's 24th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Ricky Rodriguez for his exemplary accomplishments, dedication to public service, and trailblazing leadership.

RECOGNIZING CHAD RIEGEL

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 11, 2023

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Chad Riegel who will retire from the United States Navy on July 1, 2023.

I would like to commemorate BU1 Chad Riegel for his incredibly successful career. He is part of the Naval Mobile Construction Battalion, known as the Navy Seabees. His unit was one of the first to arrive in Afghanistan after 9/11, arriving in October of 2001. They were tasked with building facilities to accommodate follow-on military forces, including camps for military personnel and prisons for al-Qaeda and Taliban forces.

Chad has deployed all around the world, traveling to at least 22 countries. He was in active duty from September of 1997 to September of 2002, serving in the NMCB 133 and from November of 2012 to November of 2013, serving in the NMCB 15. He has been serving in reserve duty since September of 2007 in the NMCB 15 and in the Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit 202.

Throughout his service, he went on three tours, one to Bosnia in 1998 and two to Afghanistan, one in 2001 and another in 2013. Chad has received several medals to commemorate his service and dedication, including a National Defense Service Ribbon, a