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In his post-NASA career, Dr. Naderi was a vocal advocate for human rights and civil rights. He demonstrated the strength, power, and kindness of the Iranian community while speaking truth to power against all injustices.

I stand here to celebrate and honor the incredible life of my friend, Dr. Firouz Naderi, who was lost too soon last month.

Dr. Naderi was someone who saw no borders, no lines, no separating of people on this blue marble spinning around the Sun that we call Earth.

Dr. Firouz Naderi was born on March 15, 1946, and left Iran in 1964. In 1969, he earned his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Iowa State University and, in 1972, a master's degree in electrical engineering from the University of Southern California; in 1996, a Ph.D. in electrical engineering from the University of Southern California.

When he returned to Iran, as I mentioned earlier, he was forced to leave his beloved country and came back to California, to the United States, where he pursued the distinguished career that has made him one of NASA and JPL's most amazing scientists.

He was JPL's associate director for project formulation and strategy and director of solar system exploration. In 2000, he became head of the Mars Exploration Program and, in 2005, received NASA's Distinguished Service Medal.

From 2000 to 2012, he led six consecutive, successful American missions to Mars—four landers and two orbiters—on January 4, 2004, landing the Spirit rover and on January 25, 2004, landing the Opportunity rover.

He was a recipient of the Ellis Island Medal of Honor. He was a board member of various organizations, the Public Affairs Alliance of Iranian Americans, Arasteh-Amin Foundation, Keep Children in School Foundation, and Iranica Encyclopedia.

In February 2016, the International Astronomical Union named an asteroid after Dr. Naderi. In 2017, he accepted the Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film, which was by Asghar Farhadi and called "The Salesman," with Anousheh Ansari.

I am honored to be a United States Congressman, and it gives me great pleasure and honor to take the opportunity and privilege of honoring people like Dr. Naderi.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

RECOGNIZING JAKE'S JOURNEY HOME

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 9, 2023, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. KILEY) for 30 minutes.

Mr. KILEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jake's Journey Home, a local nonprofit in my district.

In September 2019, Jake Shuman, a Seabee veteran and small business owner, passed away unexpectedly. He left behind not just his loving friends and family but also a legacy of empathy, generosity, and humility.

In an effort to continue Jake's powerful legacy, his mother, Jean Shuman, founded Jake's Journey Home. This nonprofit has taken up the mission of assisting unhoused veterans and community members experiencing a life path change.

Jake's Journey Home provides the necessary wraparound support services and resources to those in need to fight against the growing problem of poverty and to help someone's tomorrow be better than today.

With the strong support of the community, the organization obtained a mobile day center last year to help connect people with VA benefits, mental health aid, drug and alcohol abuse support, job skills, medical assistance, and life coaching. Their mission is ongoing, with goals to expand their services into a permanent building.

Jake's Journey Home is a pillar in our community, and it is a true honor to represent in Congress exceptional organizations such as this one.

On behalf of the United States House of Representatives, I am honored to recognize Jake's Journey Home for outstanding service and contributions to the Folsom community and greater Sacramento region.

RECOGNIZING JUDD SYMONS

Mr. KILEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 2023 EMS Provider of the Year for Inyo County, Judd Symons, for his remarkable accomplishments and contributions in the southern portions of the Third Congressional District.

Mr. Symons' career in the Bishop area began when he was only in high school, during which he became certified as an emergency medical technician. For 3 years of his high school career, and a few summers following, he also served on the local search and rescue team.

He went on to earn his certification as a paramedic from the Stanford-Foothill Paramedic Program. Shortly thereafter, in 1989, at just 21 years old, he and his father began their local family business, an ambulance service named Symons Emergency Services.

With over three decades of offering superior emergency medical services, this establishment has become a leading provider in our region. Relied upon by many, his ambulance service provides care to those across many different types of geographic landscapes, from urban cities to the rural High Sierras to the remote wilderness.

Even in the face of obstacles, Mr. Symons' continued dedication to his community and commitment to the well-being of Inyo County residents and the surrounding area is inspiring.

As a longtime owner and operator of this service, Mr. Symons is regarded by others as an individual with professionalism, care, hands-on involvement, and a unique ability to remain calm under pressure.

On behalf of the United States House of Representatives, I am honored to join the Inyo County community in thanking Judd Symons for his many years of distinguished service and leadership in both emergency medical services and search and rescue operations.

RECOGNIZING HELEN CHU

Mr. KILEY. Mr. Speaker, in the spirit of National Zookeeper Appreciation Week, I wish to take a moment to recognize an outstanding zookeeper in my district, Helen Chu.

Ms. Chu serves locally at the Folsom City Zoo Sanctuary. The zoo is home to many rescued wild and domestic animals, including bears, wolf hybrids, monkeys, birds, cougars, insects, and more.

Ms. Chu has worked for the Folsom Zoo since 2019, but her service to wildlife has been lifelong. She graduated from the University of California Davis with a degree in wildlife, fish, and conservation biology and also earned a degree in exotic animal training and management from Moorpark College.

Prior to bringing this knowledge to the Folsom City Zoo Sanctuary, Ms. Chu worked with animals as a zookeeper for the Fresno Chaffee Zoo and the Sacramento Zoo.

In Folsom, Ms. Chu has contributed significantly to the zoo's positive reinforcement animal training and behavioral enrichment programs, improving the quality of life of the animals.

Her diligent efforts and unique ability to problem solve have helped animals with health challenges participate in veterinary care without undue stress or danger to the animals and staff.

Throughout her tenure, she has exhibited the core values of a zookeeper through teamwork, excellence, and patience.

Her leadership and dedication to the care and well-being of the animals and the experience of Folsom residents is truly admirable.

On behalf of the United States House of Representatives, I am honored to recognize Helen Chu and thank her for her service to the Folsom community.

RECOGNIZING CALIFORNIA'S THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT INTERNS

Mr. KILEY. Mr. Speaker, I will take a moment in the spirit of National Intern Day to recognize several truly exemplary individuals currently interning in my Washington, D.C., and district offices.

Over the course of their internships, these students and recent graduates have embodied the essence of public service.

They have made the government accessible to their neighbors by leading guided tours of the Capitol, ensured that people's voices are heard by taking down their concerns and sharing

them with me, and even helping people renew their passports and access the services and benefits they are entitled to from the Federal Government.

In my D.C. office, I am proud to have Alex McDonald, Khori Cranford, and Giavanna Chopra.

Alex grew up in Willows, California, just outside our congressional district. He has long had a passion for politics and public service. He even remembers watching the Obama-Romney debates from over a decade ago. Impressively, he is going into his sophomore year at Yale University, studying political science.

Khori graduated this past May from CSU Fresno with a degree in political science. She has also embraced her Armenian heritage and was selected to participate in the highly competitive Armenian Assembly of America as part of the Terjenian-Thomas internship this summer. After her summer here, she will work toward earning a master's degree in communications at San Diego State University.

Giavanna has been incredibly active in public service since a young age. She previously served as an intern in my State assembly office and as a deputy campaign manager on my race last year. During the same time period, she also won a national debate title and created a program to mentor young debaters. She will be entering college this fall at Northwestern University and, not surprisingly, was recruited to join Northwestern's debate team.

In my district office in Rocklin, I am proud to have Jaime Robles, Emma Worden, and Raghava Kodavatikanti, who are serving there as interns.

Jaime recently graduated from Sierra College in Rocklin and will be attending UC Berkeley in the spring to major in economics. He served as vice president and student senator of the Sierra College Student Senate, vice president of student engagement for the social science club, and is a Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society member. Jaime is also bilingual, and I have recently been impressed with his ability to utilize that skill to serve our Spanish-speaking residents.

Emma is originally from the district, graduating recently from Whitney High School, and is pursuing a degree in economics and politics. Our Rocklin team and I have especially appreciated her leadership, teamwork, and collaborative approach in our office.

Raghava recently graduated from the rigorous IB program at Mira Loma High School and will be attending UCLA this fall, majoring in political science. Similar to Giavanna, he also had an early interest in public service. Raghava previously interned in my State assembly office, as well as for the California State treasurer and Sacramento district attorney's offices. He also serves as a youth advisory executive board member and moderator for the California Coalition for Youth.

Mr. Speaker, every single one of these six individuals has been a tre-

mendous help to me and our team in serving the people of the Third Congressional District of California, and I am incredibly grateful that they have chosen to invest their time and talents with us.

On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives, I thank them for their commitment to public service.

RECOGNIZING TYLER TATE

Mr. KILEY. Mr. Speaker, I will also say a few words about someone who is a model for all of these interns working at our offices here in D.C. and back home in Rocklin, someone who is a former intern himself and a constituent, having grown up in our district and graduated from high school at Woodcreek in Roseville. He has been the communications director for my office, a role that he will continue up until tomorrow, when he is starting his first year at Harvard Law School. That is Tyler Tate.

I first met Tyler in my 2016 campaign for the State assembly. I think I actually met him in 2015 because we got started pretty early. That was a true underdog campaign. There were 11 candidates, and Tyler was really one of the very first people to join and help lead what was truly a grassroots undertaking.

He went on to go to Georgetown for college and actually interned in my State assembly office and quickly gained a reputation as everyone's favorite intern. That is why I say he is a model on National Intern Day.

After college, Tyler got some experience in D.C. He did a stint at the White House. When I was running for Congress last year, I was in need of a campaign manager, and I couldn't think of anyone better for the job.

I was continually impressed by his mastery of the nuts and bolts of running a campaign, such as delivering the yard signs or designing precinct blocks, but also more intangible qualities of leadership, like his ability to inspire a very dedicated team of volunteers.

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Just as one indication of the caliber of people he got involved, two of the interns he attracted to join the campaign will actually be joining him at Harvard next year where they will be starting themselves, respectively at the college and the law school.

After I was elected and took office, Tyler became our communications director. I would wager there is not a better or more dedicated communications director on Capitol Hill.

Shortly after I was sworn in, my district was hit by a series of truly devastating storms that wreaked havoc on many communities, and without having had more than perhaps a week or so in the office, Tyler threw himself into the very complicated but vitally important task of getting important information to all of our constituents on how they could deal with the storm and the resources that were available.

That quality of service has continued throughout his time with us. He does

everything from dealing with the media and setting up press appearances to writing and editing our weekly newsletter and other releases that go out, and advising me on important matters of policy.

Through it all, he has truly demonstrated a remarkable ability to understand the nuances of politics and policy in a way that is really hard to believe knowing he is only a few years out of college. You would think he was a seasoned veteran of Capitol Hill.

When I wrote a letter of recommendation for him for law school, I was halfway tempted to sabotage the whole thing so that I could selfishly keep him with our office. I was not surprised at all when he got accepted. I know he is going to excel in law school. He will be a great lawyer, but I think there are also great things ahead of him in public service, as well.

For those who are watching at home, I would advise them to remember the name Tyler Tate. I thank Tyler for everything he has done to help me serve the people of the Third District.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

CHANGING CONFEDERATE THEMED STREET NAMES IN MISSOURI CITY, TEXAS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 9, 2023, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GREEN) for 30 minutes.

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, and still I rise, a proud Member of the Congress of the United States of America, always honored to have this pre-eminent privilege of standing here in the House of Representatives in this Chamber, proud to do so, proud to be an American.

I am one of the persons who likes to stand and sing the national anthem, stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. However, that is not what makes America great, having AL GREEN stand for the Pledge of Allegiance or singing the national anthem. The thing that makes America great is that we, Members of Congress, and other persons of good will, will defend the right of those who choose not to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance, who stand not to sing the national anthem, nor do they choose to stand when the national anthem is being played. That is the greatness of America, that we can tolerate each other when we have differences.

Tonight, I am proud to be here, Mr. Speaker, proud to stand here and have this privilege. No one could have predicted at my birth that I would be here to give this message tonight. This is a special message that has to do with something happening in my congressional district.

I have in my hand a copy of an article from the Houston Chronicle. The person who is the writer for this particular article is Juhi Varma, a very good writer, I must add. Juhi writes,