

In 2000, after twelve years of exemplary service as an enlisted sailor, LCDR Belton was commissioned as an Ensign. As a Naval Officer, he continued to serve with distinction aboard several vessels including the USS *Saipan*, USS *Tortuga*, USS *John Paul Jones*, and USS *Kearsarge*. His roles varied from Auxiliary Systems Officer to Main Propulsion Officer, showcasing his versatility and leadership abilities. His contributions extended beyond the confines of individual commands, as he served as a Training Center Administrator, Master Training Specialist, and Surface Warfare Officer, among other roles.

After 28 years of honorable and dedicated service, LCDR Belton retired from active duty, but his work did not stop there. In 2018, LCDR Belton founded Course Correction LLC, a service-disabled veteran owned small business which specializes in financial literacy education, leadership training, and contract management. His legacy of excellence continues to inspire and guide those who follow in his footsteps.

LCDR Belton passed away unexpectedly on February 12, 2024. In addition to his remarkable career, LCDR Belton's life was marked by love and commitment. Issac was married to Kansas City, Kansas native Lieutenant Commander Anjail Belton, also a retired Naval Officer. Together they have four adult children. They recently finalized the adoption of six of their grandchildren on December 20, 2023.

It is with great pride and gratitude that I recognize the outstanding service and life of Lieutenant Commander Issac L. Belton. His numerous awards and decorations, including the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, and Combat Action Ribbon, attest to his exceptional valor and dedication. In his eyes, however, LCDR Belton's family was his greatest achievement.

I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our heartfelt appreciation to LCDR Belton and his family for their sacrifices and service to our country. May his legacy serve as a shining example of honor, courage, and selfless dedication to duty for generations to come.

DR. MARC YACHT

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the unique contributions of one of my constituents, Dr. Marc Yacht who has volunteered his time and expertise treating patients at the CARES Senior Clinic since 2007 when he retired as the Director of the Pasco County Health Department. He currently provides telehealth services for those who have no other options for care.

Dr. Yacht and his colleagues who volunteer to serve this vulnerable population are making a profound impact on the lives of the patients they serve. Each of these volunteers have servant hearts, and their dedication to our community is impressive. It is said that a society can be judged by how well it treats its most vulnerable citizens. These medical professionals go above and beyond to ensure none of the patients seeking help at CARES Senior Clinic fall through the cracks.

It is clear that Dr. Marc Yacht and his fellow volunteers have made a profoundly positive

impact on our community, and I am grateful for their service.

HONORING NATCHEZ (MS) KAPPA ALPHA PSI FRATERNITY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor some remarkable servants, Natchez Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity.

On March 22, 1964, 12 noble men chartered the Natchez (MS) Alumni Chapter.

The chapter's initial plan was to be named Alcorn Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi, but due to restraints on campus, the chapter was moved to Natchez, Mississippi, which birthed the Natchez (MS) Alumni Chapter.

With hard work and dedication, we salute the honorable charter members: Marino Casem, Eddie Coleman, John Dow, Grant Dungee, Lonnie Eiland, Chris Hester, Charles Humphrey, Willie Jackson, Robert Lewis, Albert Lott, Armand Pinkney, and Riley Williams.

Brothers Armand Pinkney and Riley Williams were also charter members of the Gamma Pi Chapter.

Sixty years later, the Natchez Nupes continue to achieve in every field of human endeavor.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Natchez (MS) Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi for their continuing dedication and tenacity to serving their community and desire to be an example for all.

RECOGNIZING MR. RODNEY BRUMIT

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Mr. Rodney Brumit for his dedicated service to the Kings County community and to congratulate him on his well-earned retirement as principal of Lemoore High School. Mr. Brumit was born in Hanford to a family of educators. After graduating from Hanford High School where his father was a teacher, Mr. Brumit earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from Fresno State University. Mr. Brumit furthered his education at Fresno Pacific University, having completed both the Principals and Superintendents Academies. Mr. Brumit began his 25-year career in education as a history teacher at Coalinga High School. He later became the school's Dean of Students and assistant principal. In 2003, Mr. Brumit became Lemoore High School's assistant principal. After five years as assistant principal, Mr. Brumit was selected as principal, where he would lead a faculty of more than 200 employees and 2,000 students annually. Throughout his tenure, Mr. Brumit was dedicated to the success and well-being of all students at Lemoore High School. He was actively involved in numerous aspects of the school's operation, having served as the Director of the School Attendance Review Boards, a member of the negotiations team,

and as a Special Education administrator. In addition to his achievements as principal, Mr. Brumit was steadfast in his commitment to improving the lives of vulnerable students in the community. Mr. Brumit worked hard to implement gang resistance programs with the King's County Sheriff's Office, bring the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central California program to Lemoore, and create the social and emotional intervention model in coordination with the Kings County Office of Education. Mr. Brumit's dedication to the students at Lemoore High School is a true testament to his character. While he will be missed as principal, I am confident that Mr. Brumit's leadership will have a lasting impact on the Lemoore High School community for years to come. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in thanking Mr. Rodney Brumit for his service to Lemoore High School. I wish him a happy and well-deserved retirement.

CELEBRATING THE GRAND OPENING OF VIRGINIA FOOTHILLS DISTILLERY AND COMPANY

HON. ABIGAIL DAVIS SPANBERGER

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

Ms. SPANBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Virginia Foothills Distillery and Company on their grand opening.

Located in Orange County, Virginia, Virginia Foothills Distillery and Company is a blossoming business owned and operated in part by Charles "Chuck" Reinhold. Chuck is a dedicated business owner and partner who brings valuable knowledge to his team through his service to our country.

Previously serving in the U.S. Army and Virginia National Guard, Chuck continues to serve his country as a Colonel in the U.S. Army Reserves while operating his business. He has answered the call to serve time and again—from Operation Noble Eagle, to Operation Enduring Freedom, to Operation Enduring Resolve. He was also mobilized in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and provided support to countless communities following various natural disasters. Today, he continues to serve the American people through his position with the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency. During his free time, he serves as a volunteer firefighter with the Gordonsville Volunteer Fire Company and as a board member for the Orange County Chamber of Commerce.

Virginia Foothills Distillery and Company is a wonderful example of the contributions of our Veterans. I am proud to celebrate the hard work and effort that Veterans like Chuck continue to pour into our communities—making them stronger and more vibrant.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating Charles "Chuck" Reinhold and the Virginia Foothills Distillery and Company team. I look forward to celebrating all that they will accomplish in the future as they work to grow and expand their footprint in Orange County, Virginia.

CELEBRATING THE CITY OF DIAMOND BAR'S 35TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

Ms. SÁNCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 35th anniversary of the City of Diamond Bar.

Founded in 1989, Diamond Bar is celebrating 35 years of cityhood this April.

Like many Southern California communities, Diamond Bar's recorded history started with a Mexican land grant for ranching, this one covering Brea Canyon and the eastern Walnut Valley.

The Diamond Bar Ranch area eventually developed into a planned residential community. More than 50,000 of my constituents now call Diamond Bar home.

This San Gabriel Valley city set against a mountain backdrop offers a lot to its resident families and visitors, including beautiful parks like Summitridge, a wonderful public library, top-rated school districts, and public safety services.

I am very proud to represent Diamond Bar as part of California's 38th Congressional District.

Happy Birthday to the City of Diamond Bar.

RECOGNIZING DR. WAYNE TAYLOR

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the unique contributions of one of my constituents, Dr. Wayne Taylor, recently retired General Practitioner and Wound Care Specialist. He has seen patients at CARES Senior Health Clinic for more than seven years. He is also a brilliant diagnostician who is generous in every way. His caring and patient demeanor helps put patients at ease and ensures they are treated with dignity at all times.

Dr. Taylor and his colleagues who volunteer to serve this vulnerable population are making a profound impact on the lives of the patients they serve. Each of these volunteers have servant hearts, and their dedication to our community is impressive. It is said that a society can be judged by how well it treats its most vulnerable citizens. These medical professionals go above and beyond to ensure none of the patients seeking help at CARES Senior Center fall through the cracks. It is clear that Dr. Wayne Taylor and his fellow volunteers have made a profoundly positive impact on our community, and I am grateful for their service.

HONORING CONNECTICUT HUMANITIES

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the longstanding orga-

nization, Connecticut Humanities. Connecticut Humanities is a nonprofit affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, which strengthens the country's identity through extending grants to humanities-focused institutions that serve the American public. Libraries, historical societies, and museums are just some of the various recipients of these grants. CT Humanities extends residents extensive access to learning materials that divulge the deep roots of Connecticut culture and history.

For the past fifty years, CT Humanities has championed literature, arts, and history across the state. Cultural institutions throughout the state have been both empowered to thrive and extended crucial lifelines by the organization's passionate and helpful staff and its programming that has been carefully curated to meet the needs of Connecticut's humanities community. Throughout the COVID-19 public health crisis, CT Humanities worked resolutely to ensure that cultural organizations were connected to relief efforts, such as funding from the CARES Act and the American Rescue Plan Act. In my district, the nonprofit, New London Landmarks, which works to preserve the buildings, neighborhoods and parks that embody the City's history, used this vital financial assistance to maintain access for the community to interact with rich art and history while responsibly navigating the pandemic. Countless similar organizations in every corner of Connecticut were buoyed by CT Humanities throughout this devastating time and are still standing today because of its steadfast support. As a History major during my college days at Tufts University, I particularly appreciate CT Humanities dedicated work to tell our state's incredible history through our schools, symposiums, and social media. Its "This Day in Connecticut History" social media campaign is a service I greatly enjoy.

Looking beyond its capable and rapid response to organizations in the throes of crisis since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, CT Humanities has spent decades tirelessly stewarding the nonprofit cultural sector and inviting Connecticut's communities to take part in its abundant offerings. Between July 2019 and December 2022, CT Humanities hosted over 7.3 million visitors through in-person, virtual, and PreK-12 education visits. Moreover, CT Humanities supports 56,000 jobs within the Connecticut cultural sector. Through its work we are reminded of not only the cultural and historical necessity of a robust humanities network, but also of the immense economic value. Access to culture is a necessary component in creating vibrant, exciting communities to both live and work in, and CT Humanities has worked since its inception to ensure that cultural institutions have a place in the economic conversation. Throughout the years CT Humanities has supported humanities organizations in all 169 Connecticut towns, playing an indispensable role in the preservation and prosperity of our state's history and culture.

For the past fifty years, Connecticut residents have experienced Connecticut Humanities dedication to connecting people and ideas. Citizens not only gain exposure to the experiences of others, but also see themselves and their own histories reflected in these programs. In turn, residents of Connecticut feel empowered and inclined to participate and invest in our communities, preserving this sense of shared identity and con-

necting us to cultural stories from Connecticut and beyond. Access to these cultural resources allows us to walk in others' footsteps, gaining an empathy and sense of history that is crucial to the success of our democracy. Thanks to Connecticut Humanities, diverse cultural education in our state is thriving and continues to break new ground, building upon Connecticut's storied cultural identity to encourage curiosity and understanding for all.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF RICHARD FREEDMAN

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Mr. Richard Freedman, a community icon and tremendous writer in the city of Vallejo. Mr. Freedman, who passed away at the age of 67, leaves behind an indelible legacy of service to the City of Vallejo, the Vallejo Times-Herald, and the Solano County community.

Born and raised in Northern California, Mr. Freedman demonstrated his passion for writing from a young age. After earning his bachelor's degree from San Jose State University, Mr. Freedman started working at the Vallejo Times, beginning a lifelong career in writing and reporting.

For 27 years, Mr. Freedman worked for the Vallejo Times-Herald, capturing a cult following with his witty and captivating style of writing. While writing for the Vallejo Times-Herald he served as a reporter, wrote his own weekly column, and ultimately became the Herald's longtime community editor. In addition, Mr. Freedman oversaw the Vallejo Times-Herald's Community Christmas Card every year, helping raise nearly \$500,000 to help feed members of our community.

Mr. Freedman's critical work as a journalist earned him wide-spread recognition and cemented his position as a legend in the California journalism community. In 2009, he was awarded Journalist of the Year by the West Coast Blues Hall of Fame, and in 2013 he was awarded the Humanitarian of the Year by Theta Pi Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity in Vallejo. His critical contributions made him a beacon of light within his community and brought joy and laughter to those around him.

Mr. Freedman will be remembered for his decades of service to the City of Vallejo and for the impact his life and writing had on our community. His enduring spirit will live on in his family and the community he dedicated his life to serving. I would like to extend my deepest sympathies to Mr. Freedman's loved ones. I know they and the people of California will join me in celebrating his life and legacy.

RECOGNIZING THE VON VOIGTLANDER WOMEN'S HOSPITAL AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Von Voigtlander Women's Hospital