

been a pleasure watching them grow up and hearing their stories and jokes about their dog, Rufus.

As Amy moves on to the next chapter in her life, I am forever grateful to have had her by my side for nearly twenty-five years as my most trusted advisor. With her brilliant political instincts, keen understanding of policy, and strong moral compass, she has been essential in bringing about so many of my accomplishments throughout my tenure in Congress.

I want to thank her for her many years of service and her friendship over the years. My district, the Judiciary Committee, and the lives of millions of people are better off for having had Amy fighting on their behalf.

**HONORING SANTA ROSA POLICE
DEPARTMENT K9 GHOST**

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 18, 2024

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ghost, a City of Santa Rosa Police Department K9. I have named Ghost as a Public Safety Hero of the Year from Sonoma County in California's 4th District because of his extraordinary selflessness, dedication and service to others.

Ghost is a 2-year-old Malinois who was born in Modesto, California and began his service with the Santa Rosa Police Department in September 2022. He lives and works with his partner, Officer Aaron Gonzales-Campos, along with Officer Gonzales-Campos' wife and two daughters. Ghost enjoys being a big brother to his two little sisters.

In a time of rampant gun violence, Ghost serves a crucial role for our community. Ghost and Officer Gonzales-Campos are Sonoma County's first firearm detection Police K9 team. After hundreds of hours of training and achieving certification in January 2023, Ghost is able to detect odors from firearms and related objects such as ammunition. After identifying an odor, Ghost identifies the threat to his partner.

In his first year and in addition to his regular duties, Ghost intercepted and removed eight illegal firearms from the streets of Santa Rosa. Just two weeks ago, he helped bust an identity theft ring that was also manufacturing illegal ghost guns and assault rifles. A proactive approach to intercepting illegal firearms is keeping Santa Rosa safe and reducing the risk of violent crimes.

Mr. Speaker, we thank Ghost for his persistence, service and commitment to our community. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

**RECOGNIZING SILVER LAKE
MAYOR BERNIE HOVEY**

HON. EMILIA STRONG SYKES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 18, 2024

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my congratulations to Bernie Hovey on his service as the Mayor of Silver Lake, and my sincere gratitude for all that he has done

for the people of Ohio's 13th Congressional District, the "Birthplace of Champions." I have appreciated his partnership as we worked together to expand opportunity and deliver results for our shared constituents.

Mr. Hovey's drive to lead is commendable, and I have no doubt that he has bettered countless lives as a result of his steadfast service. Throughout his time in office, he proved to be a true public servant and leader. He leads by example through his perseverance, compassion, and dedication to his role in the community.

As Mr. Hovey goes on to continue serving our community in new ways, I wish him all the best in his future endeavors. On behalf of Ohio's 13th Congressional District, I thank Mr. Hovey for his commitment to the people of Silver Lake and to Northeast Ohio.

RECOGNIZING XO GIFTS

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 18, 2024

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize XO Gifts for receiving the Wheat Ridge Business Association's 2023 Reinvestment Award.

The Reinvestment Award recognizes businesses that have demonstrated their commitment and investment in making Wheat Ridge a wonderful place to live, work, and play.

Congratulations to XO Gifts for their contribution to the Wheat Ridge community and for receiving this award.

**IN MEMORY OF THE HONORABLE
DAVID NORVELL**

HON. TERESA LEGER FERNANDEZ

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 18, 2024

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor David Norvell for the incredible life and legacy he led serving the people of New Mexico. Mr. Norvell passed away on December 21, 2023 at the age of 88. I want to express my sincerest condolences to his wife, Leader Gail Chasey, and his family. I pray that all who loved him find solace and healing.

Mr. Norvell was born in Missouri and raised in Oklahoma. He made New Mexico his home. There, he practiced law in Clovis and then went on to a remarkable career in public service. He touched countless lives in our beautiful state as the youngest Speaker of the New Mexico House of Representatives and Attorney General. He was a legislative visionary in his fights for a higher minimum wage, a clean environment, and the repeal of the death penalty. As the man who led the charge for the New Mexico Human Rights Act, he created a brighter and more equitable future for all communities in our state.

I am confident that Mr. Norvell's legacy will live on through his family and friends and his innumerable accomplishments. His tireless dedication to the people of New Mexico proves how much we can accomplish as advocates for our beloved communities. I'm proud to follow in Mr. Norvell's footsteps and

continue working for the people of New Mexico. For that and more, we recognize Mr. Norvell for his invaluable service to the state of New Mexico and to the United States of America.

**CELEBRATING THE WALTER L.
COHEN HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM NAMING CEREMONY IN
HONOR OF JAMES "JIM" H.
RABY**

HON. TROY A. CARTER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 18, 2024

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to celebrate Mr. James "Jim" Raby, who has devoted his life to serving his community, and to celebrate Walter L. Cohen High School, for their choice to honor him with the dedication of the Gymnasium Naming Ceremony. Mr. Raby, though born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, was raised from the age of 9 months in my home, New Orleans, Louisiana. Mr. Raby attended New Orleans public schools, James Weldon Elementary School, and Walter L. Cohen Senior High School. Jim and his high school sweetheart, Nola, were part of the third graduating class of Walter L. Cohen High School in 1955 and have been married for 63 years.

Upon graduating from Walter L. Cohen High School, Mr. Raby matriculated at Southern University in Baton Rouge, where he earned a BS in Mathematics. Jim went on to earn a master's in education, and a certification in Adult Education. During his time at Southern, he became involved in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) Program and, after graduating in 1959, received a Commission as an Army Second Lieutenant. In September of 1963, after serving 4 years on active military duty, during which he was often the only African American commissioned officer, Mr. Raby was honorably discharged with the rank of Captain.

After his discharge from the military, Jim began worked at the Philip Morris Tobacco company, a company for which he was the only African American sales representative in Louisiana. In November 1967, he resigned from his position at Philip Morris Tobacco company, and became the first African American to serve as a Field Underwriter for New York Life Insurance Company in the New Orleans General Office.

Once he retired from this position in 1994, Mr. Raby began working for the Orleans Parish School Board as the Program Coordinator for Project Independence. In August 2009, Jim was elected President of the Board of Directors of the Walter L. Cohen Alumni Association, through which he spearheaded efforts to rebuild Walter L. Cohen High School on its original site.

Mr. Raby's dedication to the different communities of which he is a part is evident throughout his story. He has not only contributed immensely to his Alma Mater, Walter L. Cohen High School, but also to our state, and to our nation. I commend Walter L. Cohen High School for dedicating the Gymnasium Naming Ceremony in honor of Mr. Jim Raby, and I am proud to acknowledge Mr. Raby for his dedication to serving others, both locally and beyond.

**HONORING RUDY JEHLER FOR FIVE
DECADES OF SERVICE IN THE
MOHAVE COUNTY SHERIFF'S
SEARCH AND RESCUE**

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 18, 2024

Mr. GOSAR. Mr. Speaker, I honor Rudy Jehle who will retire from the Mohave County Sheriff's Search and Rescue after five decades of exemplary dedication to his community. Rudy truly personifies the patriotic virtue of service. From 1962 to 1964, he served his country in the Army and was honorably discharged. After moving to Lake Havasu City, Arizona in 1973, Rudy served as a Mohave County Sheriff's deputy and then as a reserve officer in the Lake Havasu Police Department.

Rudy also served in the Mohave County Search and Rescue program. Anyone who has traversed the sweeping wilderness of western Arizona can appreciate the lifesaving importance of this work. Through his time with the Search and Rescue division, of which he was a founding member, Rudy has been recognized with greatly deserved accreditations and awards. His work and service for the Mohave County community merits the utmost commendation.

On behalf of myself and the great people of Arizona's ninth district, I extend my sincere gratitude to Rudy for his service, and I wish him the best as he moves onto the next chapter of his life.

HONORING JOSEPH A. FARROW

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 18, 2024

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Joseph A. Farrow, the Chief of Police with the University of California, Davis Police Department (UCDPD). I have named Mr. Farrow as a Public Safety Hero of the Year for Yolo County in California's 4th District as a result of his extraordinary selflessness, dedication and service to others.

Mr. Farrow was born in Tokyo, Japan and moved to the United States at the age of 10. He and his four brothers grew up in a military household and enjoyed all aspects of family, friendships and sports in the Monterey Peninsula. Mr. Farrow earned an associate of arts degree from Monterey Peninsula Community College, a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from California State University, Sacramento and a master's degree in education at California State University, San Diego. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy, the FBI National Executive Institute, and the Peace Officer Standards and Training Law Enforcement Command College.

Mr. Farrow's distinguished career in law enforcement began as an officer with the Pacific Grove Police Department. He followed his lifelong dream of being a California Highway Patrol (CHP) officer joining the CHP in 1980. Working his way through the ranks, Mr. Farrow became Deputy Commissioner in November 2004. He was appointed commissioner in

February 2008 by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, becoming the first Japanese American to head the CHP and was later reappointed by Governor Jerry Brown.

Mr. Farrow has been serving as the Chief of Police at the University of California, Davis since 2017. He has contributed to the evolution of the Police Accountability Board, promoting accountability, trust and communication between the campus community and the UCDPD. Mr. Farrow is a proponent of diversifying the law enforcement workforce to ensure that UC Davis police officers are reflective of the communities they serve. He is the University of California Systemwide Coordinator, collaborating with all 10 police chiefs to effectively operate and guide contemporary policy and administer 21st century policing programs. He has earned awards for his leadership including the Distinguished Service Award in 2017 and the UC Davis Chancellor's Award for Exceptional University Leadership in 2023.

Mr. Farrow is an active member in our community being heavily involved with the California Chapter of the March of Dimes, the Special Olympics Northern California, the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention and various UC Davis athletic programs and initiatives. He is the President of the National Alliance on Mental Illness California as well as a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the California Peace Officers Association and the Asian Peace Officers Association. In 2022, Mr. Farrow championed a new state law which made it possible for anyone who is legally authorized to work in the United States to become a peace officer in California, regardless of citizenship status.

For the past four decades, Mr. Farrow proved he is an accomplished and seasoned leader with a contagious passion for public service and safety. He embodies the values of respect, inclusion and kindness to others and consistently works towards staff diversity, community engagement and accountability implementing contemporary policies and programs that serve as a model for other institutions.

Mr. Speaker, we thank Mr. Farrow for his persistence, service and commitment to our community. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

**RECOGNIZING AKRON MAYOR DAN
HARRIGAN**

HON. EMILIA STRONG SYKES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 18, 2024

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my congratulations to Dan Harrigan on his service as the Mayor of Akron, and my sincere gratitude for all that he has done for the people of Ohio's 13th Congressional District, the "Birthplace of Champions." I have appreciated his partnership as we worked together to expand opportunity and deliver results for our shared constituents.

Mr. Harrigan's drive to lead is commendable, and I have no doubt that he has bettered countless lives as a result of his steadfast service. Throughout his time in office, he proved to be a true public servant and leader. He leads by example through his perseverance, compassion, and dedication to his role in the community.

As Mr. Harrigan goes on to continue serving our community in new ways, I wish him all the best in his future endeavors. On behalf of Ohio's 13th Congressional District, I thank Mr. Harrigan for his commitment to the people of Akron and to Northeast Ohio.

RECOGNIZING THE CRAFT BOX

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 18, 2024

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize The Craft Box for receiving the Wheat Ridge Business Association's 2023 Sustainability Award.

The Sustainability Award is given to a business in Wheat Ridge with a strong commitment to the environment. Since their opening, The Craft Box has created a sustainable program that has stopped 19,000 pieces of fabric, 6,000 rubber stamps, 14,000 books, and 152,000 craft items from ending up in a landfill—an estimated 12,000 pounds of waste.

I thank The Craft Box for their continued work to help create a greener, more sustainable Wheat Ridge.

**HONORING THE LIFE OF ROY
SCHERER**

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 18, 2024

Mr. GRIFFITH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Roy Scherer, who passed away on December 8th, at the age of 81.

Roy was born on February 2, 1942, in Richmond, Virginia. He spent most of his childhood attending military schools and then went on to spend a few years in the U.S. Air Force after graduation.

According to his family, Roy's experience at the 1969 Democratic Convention in Chicago inspired him to fight injustice wherever he saw it. For him, one of those injustices was the penalties for drugs in Virginia. Roy formed Virginians for the Study of Marijuana Laws, becoming Virginia's first registered marijuana lobbyist.

In 1977, Roy was arrested for sneaking weed plants into the Virginia State Capitol. According to Roy, Delegate Cranwell didn't know what a weed plant looked like and wanted to see one, so he brought one in to show him. This explanation was apparently true and led him to being let off the hook.

When I was in the House of Delegates, he came to all of the Subcommittee on Courts of Justice meetings, advocating for saner drug policies and weed legalization.

There was once a bill introduced which would make the penalties in Virginia for crack cocaine and powdered cocaine possession similar to those in the federal law. Roy stood up and detailed how powdered cocaine was used primarily by white drug users and crack cocaine was used primarily by black drug users, and that in the bill the penalty for crack was far harsher than for powdered cocaine. Knowing the Members of the Committee, Roy knew we wouldn't stand for this injustice.