

board member at Girling Home Health in Austin, Texas.

Paul's unwavering dedication to his family—including his beloved wife Barbara and sons Michael and Nicholas—and his profound passion for helping others serve as a testament to his exceptional character.

As we honor Paul's memory today, let us remember how his life's work and compassionate spirit profoundly impacted countless lives, leaving a legacy of love, service, and integrity. He will be sorely missed, but his contributions to mental health, veteran support, and community service will resonate for generations.

RECOGNIZING SUPERINTENDENT
MARY SUZUKI ON THE OCCASION
OF HER RETIREMENT FROM THE
BEAR VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL
DISTRICT

HON. JAY OBERNOLTE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 3, 2024

Mr. OBERNOLTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Dr. Mary Suzuki's retirement from the Bear Valley Unified School District in Big Bear Lake, California. Dr. Suzuki served as superintendent for nearly a decade, playing a vital role in building a safe and quality learning environment for all students in the Big Bear Valley.

Dr. Suzuki's service to Bear Valley Unified represents the very best of our community's values. An educator with over thirty years of experience, Dr. Suzuki taught students at a variety of grade levels while working tirelessly, including as a literacy coach, to ensure that all her students enjoyed an innovative, positive learning environment that prepared them for life's next steps.

Her administrative positions have been equally remarkable. Dr. Suzuki's work as principal, Director of Curriculum and 21st Century Learning, as well as her service as chairperson of the California Technology Assistance Project, were key in preparing her to be superintendent of Bear Valley Unified, allowing her to make an indelible contribution to our rural community. Dr. Suzuki's nearly three decades of pedagogical and administrative experience ensured that Bear Valley Unified remains a world-class district where all students receive a high-quality education.

In addition to Dr. Suzuki's impressive work in education, she and her husband of 42 years, Dan, raised a wonderful family. Their three children, Elizabeth, David, and Matthew, as well as their seven grandchildren, are a true testament to their strong familial bonds and her role as a loving and devoted wife, mother, and grandmother.

I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Dr. Suzuki for her selfless service to California's students, in commending her for her steadfast dedication to our community, and in wishing her many years of joy and peace in her well-earned retirement with friends and family.

HONORING EDWIN HARRY
CLANTON

HON. RICHARD MCCORMICK

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 3, 2024

Mr. MCCORMICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and legacy of Mr. Edwin Harry Clanton, a long time constituent and resident of Forsyth County, Georgia. Born in Alpharetta, Georgia in 1948, Mr. Clanton was a kind, hardworking man who lived in such a manner where he consistently prioritized the needs of others above his own. He served his country with pride during the Vietnam War as an Army Sergeant in the 1st Platoon of the Big Red One, C Company, 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry.

Once he returned from service, Mr. Clanton married Mardell, who was the love of his life and together they had two daughters and many grandchildren. While no longer serving in uniform, Mr. Clanton was a bedrock in his community, serving Atlanta Street Baptist Church as a deacon for many years and always willing to lend a helping hand to whoever was in need.

Mr. Clanton passed away peacefully surrounded by family on April 30, 2024. I am proud to have had him as my constituent and send my deepest condolences to his family and friends as they mourn his loss. Although he is no longer with us, his incredible legacy will never be forgotten.

HONORING MAJORITY LEADER
KARI DZIEDZIC

HON. ILHAN OMAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 3, 2024

Ms. OMAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a dedicated public servant, Minnesota Senator Kari Dziedzic, and recognize her historic tenure.

The impact of Senator Dziedzic's time as Minnesota Senate Majority Leader for the 2023 legislative session will reverberate for years. Thanks in large part to her leadership, our state saw a historically productive session that will leave a lasting and transformational legacy on Minnesotans for generations to come. In 2023, the Minnesota Legislature passed significant investments in our state's K-12 education system, local governments, transportation infrastructure, affordable housing, and a green economy. Our elected officials also codified many progressive priorities, some of which had been stalled by gridlock for decades. These victories included statewide abortion access, Paid Family and Medical Leave, driver's licenses for all Minnesotans, the Trans Refuge and CROWN Acts, legalizing recreational cannabis, voting rights for 55,000 people, 100% renewable energy by 2040 statewide, and automatic expungement of low-level cannabis offenses for tens of thousands of Minnesotans. These nationally- and internationally-lauded accomplishments simply could not have happened without Majority Leader Dziedzic's guidance and mediation.

It was my great honor to work with Majority Leader Dziedzic when I was first elected to

the Minnesota legislature, as we shared the privilege of representing District 60 as Representative and Senator. I look forward to witnessing the legacy of her work in the years to come especially her efforts to ensure the well-being of more than 70,000 students, staff, and faculty who make up the University of Minnesota campus community. Since she was first elected in 2012, she authored countless bills to improve the campus, including funding for outdated infrastructure, critical research, and student health and safety. Majority Leader Dziedzic's five terms in the Minnesota Senate will be marked by her steadfast commitment to her constituents and her unique ability to bring people together to find functional, enduring solutions.

Her leadership in the past decade, and especially while serving as Senate Majority Leader, is a great inspiration to me and so many others. Her devotion to thoughtful, inclusive, and productive lawmaking has made our state a better place to live for all Minnesotans, particularly those who have too often been left behind.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our profound gratitude to Majority Leader Dziedzic for her hard work and dedication as a Minnesota legislator.

RECOGNIZING THE 2024 UCLA
WOMEN'S WATER POLO TEAM

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 3, 2024

Mr. LIEU. Mr. Speaker, I use today to celebrate the women's water polo team from the University of California, Los Angeles. They took home the 2024 National Collegiate Women's Water Polo Championship on the 12th of May. UCLA defeated the women's water polo team from the University of California, Berkeley at the Spieker Aquatics Complex in Berkeley, California.

The UCLA women's water polo team accomplished their third undefeated season in program history, completing a perfect run to their NCAA Championship. This year's championship is the program's 12th national championship and 123rd overall NCAA championship earned by a UCLA team.

The team's head coach Adam Wright led the women's water polo team to their first championship since 2009. The UCLA women's water polo team should be proud of their accomplishments, becoming the fifth team in NCAA women's water polo history to complete an undefeated season and remain the top-seed. The team's perseverance allowed them to lead the game following a tie of four points during halftime. During the third quarter, holding an outstanding 8-6 lead, the team secured a 10-6 lead following a hat trick by one of their star players.

I would like to sincerely congratulate the UCLA women's water polo team once again on winning the national championship and wish them the best of luck next season. Their performance and perseverance was a sight to behold and a tribute to the achievements of student athletes throughout the Nation. Go Bruins.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TED BLUM 4-H CENTER

HON. THOMAS H. KEAN, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 3, 2024

Mr. KEAN of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my warmest congratulations to Somerset County 4-H on the 50th anniversary of the Ted Blum 4-H Center. I am truly grateful to be celebrating this monumental milestone with you all.

Named after Ted Blum, one of the most important and beloved figures in New Jersey's 4-H community, Somerset County's 4-H Center was touted as the largest building of its kind in the nation when it opened in 1974. The Ted Blum 4-H Center has served as a model for 4-H facilities nationwide, providing meeting spaces for clubs and events as well as office space for the dedicated staff and volunteers who continue to ensure that "4-H Is Tops".

I wish all the best to Somerset County 4-H on the 50th anniversary of the landmark Ted Blum 4-H Center, and I extend my thanks for all that they do for our community.

CONGRATULATING CHRIS
HASTEDT ON HER RETIREMENT

HON. CHELLIE PINGREE

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 3, 2024

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a dedicated advocate and leader in my state who is retiring after several decades working to improve the lives of her fellow citizens. For nearly fifty years, Christine ("Chris") Hastedt has worked tirelessly to further equity, economic security, and access to higher education—among many other things—for all Mainers.

At the start of her career, Chris worked as a paralegal at Pine Tree Legal Assistance, a nonprofit organization which provides free, civil legal assistance to low-income people in Maine. Through her dedication and ingenuity, Chris proved to be fearless and deeply effective at expanding access to legal representation for countless people. Chris' years with Pine Tree were only the first of her forty-eight celebrated years as a respected and well-known force in the Maine State House. During my years at the State House, I relied on Chris for accurate information, strategic thinking and passion for all of the right causes. Many of our successes during that era were due to her assistance and persistence.

In 1996, Chris co-founded Maine Equal Justice, a nonprofit civil legal aid and economic justice organization. Under her guidance as Senior Policy Advisor, Maine Equal Justice has empowered people to better understand laws and independently navigate government systems to support their needs. By sharing her resources and policy knowledge, Chris has established coalitions among government agencies, policymakers, experts, academics, and national partners. Chris has consistently led with empathy and a distinct understanding of how to work with people across all backgrounds and life experiences.

In addition, Chris has dedicated her time to making higher education and workforce training more accessible for Mainers with low incomes. By advocating for programs such as Parents as Scholars, the Competitive Skills Scholarship Program, and Higher Opportunity for Pathways to Employment, Chris has helped thousands of Maine people reach their goals by expanding access to postsecondary education.

Chris Hastedts' nearly half-century as a uniquely dedicated advocate makes me very proud to represent her and the State of Maine in Congress. I wish Chris the best in her retirement, and I wholeheartedly thank her for her many years of influential work.

HONORING MSGT MATTHEW PERRI

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 3, 2024

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, I'm honored to recognize Master Sergeant (MSGT) Matthew Perri's 23 years of distinguished service, and congratulate him on his well-earned retirement from the United States Air Force.

MSGT Perri began his military career in August 2001, when he enlisted as a Security Forces Apprentice in the U.S. Air Force. After completing basic and technical training at Lackland Air Force Base, he was assigned to the 568th Security Forces Squadron at Ramstein Air Base in Germany. MSGT Perri quickly earned selection as a Security Forces Controller, and was deployed in support of Operations Southern Watch, Enduring Freedom, and Iraqi Freedom. In 2004, he was transferred to the 11th Security Forces Squadron in Washington D.C., where he was selected to attend a Military Dog Handlers course and, upon graduation, served in various Presidential support missions where he provided explosive detection support.

After a brief break in service, MSGT Perri returned to military service in the 193rd Special Operations Civil Engineering Squadron as a Fire Protection Specialist, and quickly earned appointment to Station Captain. MSGT Perri further expanded his scope of service as a Career Enlisted Aviator, Loadmaster. Shortly after graduating this course, he was selected as the Noncommissioned Officer in Charge (NCOIC), wherein he oversaw daily flight operations, and ensured mission readiness and that Loadmaster training requirements were met. Through his exceptional performance as NCOIC, he was selected to attend Loadmaster Flight Instructor School, and deployed multiple times in support of Operation Inherent Resolve.

Throughout his illustrious career, MSGT Perri earned myriad medals and awards, including the Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster (OLC), the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Air Force Achievement Medal with two OLC, the (PA) MG Thomas R White Jr. Medal, the (PA) GEN Thomas J. Stewart Medal, First Term Airman of the Year/Ramstein Air Base Award, 2003 Airman of the Year/568th Security Forces Squadron, Ramstein Air Base, 2004 Airman of the Quarter/11th Security Forces Squadron, Washington, D.C., 2005 Amn of the Quarter/11th Security Forces Squadron, Washington, D.C., 2005 Airman of the Year/

11th Security Forces Squadron, Washington D.C., 2011 Noncommissioned Officer of the Year/193rd Civil Engineering Squadron, 2019 Noncommissioned Officer of the Year/PA, and the 2021 Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year. He also acquired more than 1,000 flight hours, including more than 295 combat hours, flying the C 130J, HC1303, MC130J, and EC130J aircrafts.

Mr. Speaker, I'm honored, privileged, and humbled to congratulate Master Sergeant Matthew Perri on his retirement from the United States Air Force. His tireless, faithful, and selfless service of 23 years to the United States of America sets the standard by which we all should be judged.

HONORING THE 30TH
ANNIVERSARY OF KIDWORKS

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 3, 2024

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 30th anniversary of Kid Works, a community-driven nonprofit organization that continuously empowers youth in the City of Santa Ana.

KidWorks' mission is to inspire purpose in youth, fuel their growth, and help youth be leaders in their communities. KidWorks is determined to unleash youth potential in overlooked neighborhoods through mentoring, leadership opportunities, and academic enrichment.

Since its establishment in 1993, KidWorks has been a trailblazer in nurturing under-resourced youth by establishing the Dan Donahue Center along with a fully licensed preschool, after-school programs, college preparation programs and adult health and parenting services, exemplifying the potential of individuals from within communities to advocate for youth leadership.

Today, leadership empowerment expands at the heart of KidWorks, where youth are supported through mentoring, personal development, leadership development, and college and career readiness.

I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the 30th anniversary of KidWorks.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT
OF MR. PATRICK COLLIGAN,
PRESIDENT OF THE NEW JERSEY
STATE POLICEMAN'S BENEVO-
LENT ASSOCIATION

HON. JOSH GOTTHEIMER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 3, 2024

Mr. GOTTHEIMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Patrick Colligan on his retirement as President of the New Jersey Policeman's Benevolent Association or New Jersey State PBA. Over his decade-long tenure as New Jersey State PBA President, Mr. Colligan has stood out as a passionate advocate for law enforcement across the state. Personally, he has been a friend and trusted advisor on key bipartisan bills like the Invest to Protect Act. Mr. Colligan's tireless advocacy