

this year. To this union, three children were born: Cheryl Barnes, Gregory Barnes, and Kimberly McCants.

Dr. Barnes began his career as a mathematics teacher at Hinds Agricultural High School in 1962. This would begin his 51-year professional and family life in Utica. During his tenure, Dr. Barnes served as an assistant basketball coach, college math instructor, Hinds AHS Principal, and Academic Dean and Acting President of Utica Junior College. When he retired, he was the Vice President for the Utica and Vicksburg-Warren Campuses and Administrative and Student Services.

Dr. Barnes loved meeting people, talking to people, and helping them as well. He valued knowing that he made a difference in the lives of others and served as a positive role model for his family, friends, and colleagues. His interests in building humanity, specifically, were time consuming yet fulfilling. He worked tirelessly to build the cultural character in the surrounding communities. He leaves a legacy of dedicated and committed leadership, and his work never went unnoticed.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life, legacy, and service of Dr. George Everett Barnes for his passion and unwavering dedication in the field of education. May his legacy continue in our hearts and in our interactions with friends and family.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PRAMILA JAYAPAL

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2024

Ms. JAYAPAL. Mr. Speaker, I missed Roll Call No. 253 on June 12, 2024. Had I been present, my vote would have been Nay.

HONORING PASO-WEST SUBURBAN ACTION PROJECT'S 15TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JESÚS G. "CHUY" GARCÍA

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2024

Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 15th Anniversary of P.A.S.O.—West Suburban Action Project (Proyecto de Acción de los Suburbios del Oeste), a community-based social justice organization in Melrose Park whose mission is to build stronger communities where residents can live dignified lives regardless of race, ethnicity, socioeconomic or immigration status.

Since its founding in 2009, P.A.S.O. has become one of the leading immigrant rights organizations through grassroots organizing and coalition building working in collaboration with partners to create systemic, social change that leads to more equitable and just communities for people of all backgrounds.

Over the past fifteen years, P.A.S.O. has been a pillar of our community and a beacon of hope for so many. From supporting immigrants and refugees training them to defend their rights, to providing health education to seniors and parents, to championing workers rights, and providing free educational opportunities in Spanish, P.A.S.O. supports communities in the quest for change.

I am honored to commemorate P.A.S.O. on their 15th Anniversary.

Congratulations (Felicidades!).

HONORING STAFF SERGEANT HARRY MARKS, III

HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2024

Mr. NORCROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and commend Staff Sergeant Harry Marks, III, Hometown Hero.

Born in Greenfield, Indiana, Staff Sergeant Harry Marks, III has been an invaluable and dedicated member of the Borough of Bellmawr since November 1984 alongside his wife, Barbara.

Staff Sergeant Marks enlisted in the United States Army at the age of 17 years old where he began basic training at Ft. Knox, Kentucky until he reached 18 years old. He was then relocated to Fort Dix, New Jersey where he received AIT training as a Gas and Diesel Mechanic before leaving for Indian Town Gap in Pennsylvania, where he awaited orders for Vietnam. In 1971, he was stationed outside of Incheon, Korea where he served for 13 months at the Nike Herc Missile Site Staff Sergeant Marks returned to the United States as a part of the Mobile Calvary Unit also recognized as the "Armored Calvary". Prior to his deployment to Kaiserslautern, Germany, he was stationed at Fort Steward, Georgia. In 1974, Staff Sergeant Harry Marks was deployed with the 43rd maintenance battalion and while in Germany, he was promoted and transferred to the 34th Signal Battalion B Company where he remained until 1981.

Following his active-duty service, Staff Sergeant Harry Marks became a life-member of the VFW Crescent Park Post 9563 in Bellmawr, New Jersey and served as Commander from 2018 to 2021, Staff Sergeant Harry Marks has served as the elected Junior and Senior Vice commander of VFW District 7 and presently serves as Commander of both District 7 and Crescent Park Post 9563.

Staff Sergeant Harry Marks is a two-time recipient of the Good Conduct Medal and expert Badge for M16, a recipient of the National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Army Service Ribbon, and Overseas Service Ribbon

Today, he continues to support the local Vineland Veteran Hospital, local fundraisers, and is an active participant in VFW Memorial Day, 4th of July events, and the VFW State convention.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring and commending Staff Sergeant Harry Marks, III of the Borough of Bellmawr New Jersey, a dedicated resident who has honorably served both his community and country.

RECOGNIZING LIEUTENANT GENERAL JOHN P. SULLIVAN, 37 YEARS OF ACTIVE DUTY IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2024

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor and distinct pleasure to offer a few words in recognition of the impending retirement of Lieutenant General John P. Sullivan, a fellow graduate of Fordham University, after 37 years of faithful and dedicated service to our Nation. Lieutenant General Sullivan, most recently the 17th Deputy Commander of the United States Transportation Command, will officially retire from active duty in the United States Army on 1 September 2024.

A native son of Massachusetts, and a decorated combat veteran who served and led our Nation's finest in combat during Operations Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Joint Forge, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, General Sullivan epitomizes the consummate soldier, servant leader, and advocate for our servicemembers and their families. Over the course of his exceptional career, he has successfully led at the tactical, operational, and strategic level to defend this Nation, decisively win our battles, and advance our most critical national objectives. Whether at the head of the 548th Corps Support Battalion and the 595th Transportation Brigade, as the 27th Chief of Transportation and Commandant of the U.S. Army Transportation School, as the Commander of the 19th Expeditionary Sustainment Command stationed in the Republic of Korea, as the Commander of the 1st Theater Sustainment Command stationed in the United States Central Command theater, or as the Deputy Commander of U.S. Transportation Command, General Sullivan unquestionably exemplified the best the Army has to offer in its officer corps.

While at U.S. Transportation Command, General Sullivan personally endeavored to inform this Congress of the readiness of strategic mobility forces critical to deploying, maneuvering, sustaining, and redeploying the most capable military in our Nation's history. More importantly, he ensured that the Joint Staff, Department of Defense, and this Congress were aligned in understanding the criticality of recapitalizing our aging strategic sea-lift fleets, aerial refueling assets, and strategic airlift fleets to sustain our competitive advantage over potential near-peer adversaries in global power projection. In close partnership with the National Defense Transportation Association, General Sullivan worked diligently to enhance our national emergency preparedness programs so that the Defense Transportation System remained ready and responsive to emergent national security needs. We all witnessed the power of these essential relationships and capabilities in 2021, when U.S. Transportation Command helped execute the largest noncombatant evacuation operation in history, Operation Allies Refuge, relocating over 124,000 refugees over a 14-day period.

In his address to Congress in 1951, General Douglas MacArthur noted that "old soldiers never die—they just fade away." Mr. Speaker, I could not in good conscience let Lieutenant General John P. Sullivan simply fade away

without recognizing his sustained loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity, and personal courage over 37 years of devoted service to this great Nation. I wish him and his family well in retirement.

RECOGNIZING MAJOR GENERAL
BRET DAUGHERTY

HON. MARILYN STRICKLAND

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2024

Ms. STRICKLAND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Major General Bret Daugherty, who will retire at the end of this month from the Washington National Guard, after 44 years of service protecting the great state of Washington and our nation.

Major General Daugherty began his military service in 1980, serving nine years on Active Duty in the Army. After transitioning to the Army National Guard, he rose to the rank of Adjutant General and became the longest-serving National Guard leader in the United States.

At the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, Major General Daugherty navigated unprecedented emergencies across the state of Washington with diligence. Whether he was facilitating access to vaccinations and masks, responding to some of our state's worst natural disasters, or ensuring the security of our national elections, he completed these duties with unfaltering resiliency.

Major General Daugherty's accomplishments also laid the groundwork for an improved collaborative environment that Washingtonians benefit from today. When I had the honor of meeting with him in 2021, I was particularly inspired by his dedication to public service and commitment to supporting the members of Washington's National Guard. His mindfulness of the future of our nation, and care for the personnel who serve it, are clear in both his words and actions.

I commend Major General Daugherty on his decades of service to Washingtonians and the Guard. Congratulations on his retirement and may he enjoy this next chapter.

RECOGNIZING THE 45TH ANNIVERSARY OF
EVAPCO, INC. IN
MADERA COUNTY

HON. JOHN S. DUARTE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2024

Mr. DUARTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the momentous occasion of Evapco's 45th anniversary and the significant completion of the Sierra building expansion in 2024.

Evapco is a global industry-leading manufacturing company with global resources and solutions for worldwide heat transfer applications, it is employee owned, and was founded in the United States. Evapco launched its second U.S. manufacturing company in Madera, California, in 1979, and now employs more than 234 individuals.

Evapco's expansion in Madera County has not only created more jobs in the congressional district that I represent but is also a testament to my constituents' dedication and hard work. It also has bolstered Evapco's production capabilities and will help it meet growing demand for advanced cooling solutions in our community, the Central Valley of California, and beyond.

My constituents enjoy working for Evapco as it follows the vision of "one global team, united to be universally recognized as the superior provider of a full spectrum of heat transfer solutions." And its commitment to teamwork has enabled its employees—my constituents—to excel. It is a team their employees and customers alike can count on for a lifetime.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in celebrating Evapco's 45th anniversary in California and recognizing its success in expanding in my district to produce innovative water-saving, "Eco-Air" dry-cooling products, which will improve the quality of life of my constituents, Californians, and communities around the world.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF
DETECTIVE PAUL DIGIACOMO—
JUNE 26, 2024

HON. NICOLE MALLIOTAKIS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2024

Ms. MALLIOTAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to include in the RECORD the following Proclamation honoring the retirement of Detective Paul DiGiacomo:

Whereas: Detective Paul DiGiacomo, President of the Detectives' Endowment Association, Inc. (DEA), is to be recognized on June 26, 2024, on the occasion of his retirement from the New York Police Department. The people of New York City thank him for his four decades of service and his commitment to representing the interests of approximately 18,000 active and retired New York Police Department Detectives, the largest detectives' union globally.

Whereas: A Brooklyn native and the son of a transit police officer, Detective DiGiacomo commenced his service in law enforcement with the Housing Police in 1983 before transitioning to the New York Police Department in 1985.

Whereas: Throughout his distinguished career spanning nearly four decades, Detective DiGiacomo has served in various capacities, from patrolling the 70th Precinct in Brooklyn to working in plainclothes with the Borough's Anti-Crime Unit, demonstrating his dedication to protecting and serving the community.

Whereas: Detective DiGiacomo's ascent within the NYPD ranks was marked by his diligent work in the Brooklyn South Narcotics unit, where he rose to prominence in the Major Case Unit while concurrently advocating for his fellow officers as a delegate for the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association (PBA).

Whereas: Recognized for his exceptional investigative skills, Detective DiGiacomo earned his Detective's gold shield in 1993 and contin-

ued to excel in assignments within the Organized Crime Investigation Division (OCID), including roles in various gun units and narcotics task forces.

Whereas: In 1999, Detective DiGiacomo assumed the role of Sergeant-at-Arms for the DEA, a position he held with distinction until his promotion to Detective, second grade, by the NYPD in December 2001, in recognition of his exemplary service in an extensive undercover operation related to the homicide of a Queens Police Officer.

Whereas: Detective DiGiacomo's leadership within the DEA continued to evolve as he was elected to successive positions on the Executive Board, culminating in his appointment as President in January 2020, where he now leads the union in navigating challenges ranging from collective bargaining to legislative advocacy amidst a complex socio-political landscape. DiGiacomo spearheads all union activity, including collective bargaining, political activities, overseeing the health and welfare funds, the Annuity Fund, and the union's not-for-profit charity, the DEA Widows' and Children's Fund. The union also engages in a wide variety of internal and external public relations ventures and fraternal functions.

Whereas: Under Detective DiGiacomo's stewardship, the DEA remains steadfast in its mission to protect the rights and welfare of its members, advocating against detrimental policies such as "bail reform" and spearheading initiatives like the legislation named after Detective Brian Simonsen aimed at combating cellphone theft.

Whereas: Despite facing unprecedented challenges, including the COVID-19 pandemic, natural disasters, and civil unrest, Detective DiGiacomo remains resolute in his commitment to advancing the interests of NYPD Detectives with unwavering solidarity and dedication.

It is with great admiration and gratitude that we recognize Detective Paul DiGiacomo for his exceptional leadership and tireless advocacy on behalf of the dedicated men and women of the New York Police Department.

WELCOME PARKER HANNAH
GRISHAM

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2024

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, congratulations to Preston and Alyssa Grisham, of West Columbia, South Carolina, on the birth of their new baby daughter. Parker Hannah Grisham was born on June 6, 2024, at 11:44 a.m., weighing 7 pounds and 7 ounces at Lexington Medical Center, West Columbia. She has been born into a loving home, where she will be raised by her parents who are devoted to her well-being and bright future. Parker is also blessed with three wonderful grandparents, Mattie Grisham, Cindy Greenberg, and Todd Douty. Her birth is a blessing. On behalf of my wife Roxanne, and our entire family, we want to wish Preston, Alyssa, and Parker all the best.