

Caldwell, Roland E. Garvin, Elvan Kennedy, Margaret F. Neff, Hilda Loucks, and first Director David E. Sipe) is enduring. The Northeastern Senior Center's focus on its mission of enhancing, enriching, enlightening, and nourishing the lives of our Seniors—active and homebound—sets the standards by which all other similar organizations should be judged.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 10th Congressional District of Pennsylvania, I'm honored and privileged to recognize and commend the hardworking people of the Northeastern Senior Community Center on its 50th Anniversary. I wish them all continued Godspeed in their service to our community, Commonwealth and Nation.

#### RECOGNIZING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE CORPORATION

**HON. ADAM SMITH**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 25, 2024*

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the work of the Millennium Challenge Corporation on the occasion of its 20th anniversary.

Established by Congress in 2004, the Millennium Challenge Corporation has had tremendous success reducing poverty, building sustainable economic growth, and promoting good governance in lower income countries.

Over the past two decades, MCC has invested nearly \$17 billion in 86 projects across 50 countries, delivering results for over a quarter billion people in sectors including agriculture, energy, health care, transportation, and education. MCC's data driven, evidence-based approach to foreign assistance is a vital model to address the challenges of our times. The agency's focus on results paired with rigorous transparency, and oversight standards ensures we are investing in the most effective solutions in partner countries that share our values.

These efforts not only improve people's lives and promote stability, resilience, and growth, but also crucially advance U.S. global development priorities and national security goals. As geopolitical and social challenges around the world continue to evolve, it is essential to recognize the value investments in programs that build resilient communities and promote poverty reduction have on our national security.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the incredible work of the Millennium Challenge Corporation for the last 20 years and look forward to its continued success.

#### TRIBUTE TO HONOR THE LIFE OF DONNA LYNN TAUB

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 25, 2024*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Donna Lynn Taub, who passed away on November 10, 2023, at the

age of 75 due to pancreatic cancer. Donna was a tremendous source of love and joy to her family and all those who knew her, and her multifaceted talents were invaluable to our community.

Donna Lynn Taub was born in Brooklyn, New York, on August 27, 1948, to parents Abe and Florence Newman. She was close to her siblings, Neil and Lois, playing with them outside for hours on end. She also had many lifelong friends who she met as a girl and remained close to throughout the years.

Donna graduated from Levittown Memorial High School in 1966, and went on to study art history at American University in Washington, D.C. She became an art teacher in San Francisco, and on September 15, 1977, Donna married Dr. Eli Taub, after being introduced to him by her brother. Dr. Taub said that he fell in love with her intelligence, wit, and red hair.

Donna and Eli had two children, David and Ilana, the latter inheriting her beautiful red locks. Donna was devoted to her children in all their endeavors, including Girl Scouts and school performances. After raising them, Donna and Eli travelled the world together, including Europe and Asia, enjoying many visits to Israel and going on countless cruises.

Donna was highly versatile in her professional life. After her children were born, she became a travel agent based in Los Altos. She also began selling books on eBay and trading stocks, and was very successful at it all, paying for new cars with her earnings.

Donna is survived by her beloved husband Eli, her son David and his wife, Michelle, and her daughter Ilana. Her grandchildren are Mettabel, Atalia, and Zebulon.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in offering our condolences to Donna Taub's family and honoring the life of this extraordinary woman. How blessed I am to have known and represented her. We are a better people and a stronger country because of her and how she lived her life.

#### RECOGNIZING THE JEFFERSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

**HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 25, 2024*

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office Special Investigations Unit (SIU) for receiving the Distinguished Unit of the Year Award from the Major County Sheriffs of America.

With a focus on violent crime, intelligence, government threats, and domestic counter-terrorism, this unit is responsible for investigating violent crimes and conducting task force operations to arrest those responsible. In 2022 alone, the unit worked 1,715 hours of collective overtime and conducted operations resulting in the arrests of nine gang members associated with a murder and five adults associated with a nationwide human trafficking operation.

It is my honor to recognize the members of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office Special

Investigations Unit on behalf of the people of Colorado's Seventh Congressional District. We thank them for their unwavering dedication to public service and their tireless work to protect our community.

#### RECOGNIZING NATIONAL ALMOND DAY

**HON. JOHN S. DUARTE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 25, 2024*

Mr. DUARTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, joined by my colleagues, Rep. DAVID VALADAO and Rep. TOM MCCLINTOCK, to proclaim February 16, 2024, as National Almond Day.

Today, we celebrate the remarkable contributions made by almond farmers, processors, workers, and all those involved in the almond industry. National Almond Day recognizes the industry's success and innovation, highlighting its vital role in our Nation's agriculture and economy.

Almonds, often referred to as nature's wonder, offer many benefits. They are the healthiest shelf-stable protein grown on Earth and are gluten-free. They provide essential nutrients such as healthy fats, fiber, vitamin E, calcium, niacin, magnesium, iron, and potassium. Almonds contribute to maintaining healthy hearts, cholesterol levels, and blood sugar. They even promote skin health and protect against ultraviolet radiation.

One remarkable aspect of almonds is their versatility. Almonds serve as a healthy and delicious food option, suitable for snacking or as an ingredient in baking and cooking. They have become a staple in countless households, enriching our diets and enhancing our culinary experiences.

My home state of California is the heart of this industry. It is home to 7,600 almond farms, most family-owned and operated by dedicated third- and fourth-generation farmers. These small-scale, sustainable practices are the backbone of the almond industry, fostering a sense of community and preserving farmland.

The impact of the almond industry extends far beyond agriculture. It employs 110,000 people in California and contributes a staggering \$9.2 billion annually to our economy. Furthermore, California is responsible for supplying 100 percent of the almonds in the United States and 80 percent of the world's almond supply, making our state a global leader in almond production.

On this special day, we honor the hardworking men and women who work tirelessly to bring almonds to our table. National Almond Day is a tribute to their dedication and innovation. As we enjoy the nutritious and delicious almonds, let us also recognize the profound impact of the almond industry on our lives, communities, and environment.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in celebrating National Almond Day and the contributions of almond farmers, processors, and other industry members who make the almond industry one of the most successful and innovative in the United States.

May National Almond Day be a source of pride and inspiration for all.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF MRS.  
LORRAINE EDITH GEITTMANN

## HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Mr. LIEU. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate Mrs. Lorraine Edith Geittmann, who passed away on January 5, 2024, in Redondo Beach, California. My friend Lori Geittmann was a remarkable person and I will miss her dearly. Lorraine Edith Geittmann was born December 11th, 1933, in Lancaster, Wisconsin, to Elmer T. and Leone E. (Allen) Geittmann. She grew up in the Ohio River town of Metropolis, Illinois. She was a 1951 Honor Society graduate of Metropolis Community High School. She won the Massac County general scholarship to the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She was a senior reporter on the student newspaper of the Daily Illini and was elected to Honorary Shorter Board and Torch. She received her bachelor's degree in Journalism in June of 1955, and moved to California where she had family members.

In 1957, she joined the staff of the Daily Breeze Newspaper where she worked for 10 years, taking leave in 1960 to be a congressional fellow of the American Political Science Association in Washington, DC. She worked on the staff of Rep. B.F. Sisk of Fresno California, and Sen. Edmund Muskie of Maine. While in Washington she attended the inauguration of John F. Kennedy. She returned to the Daily Breeze Newspaper in 1961 but left in 1967 to attend graduate school to study Political Science at California State University at Long Beach where she was a graduate assistant.

In 1969 she became a Los Angeles County Deputy Probation Officer and held that position for 25 years. She was the secretary of the Probation Officers union for two terms.

After her retirement in 1994, she served as a Commissioner on several Redondo Beach City Boards, and as the President of Friends of the Library. She served 5 terms as president of the Beach Cities Democratic Club and several years as an AD 66 Delegate for the Democratic Party. She also served several terms as an elected member of the Los Angeles County Democratic Central Committee, and a member of the executive board of the Democratic State Central Committee. She was a 1980 delegate to the Democratic National Convention. She served on a committee for the Beach Cities Health District. She also was a volunteer for several years at Torrance Memorial Hospital and belonged to Omnilore Learning in retirement from 2000 until her passing.

She was an early member of the Pacific Unitarian Church in Rancho Palos Verdes.

She was preceded in death by her parents, longtime companion Robert Jones, brothers: Charles Geittmann and John W. Geittmann, sister-in-law Myrna Geittmann, nephew J. Greg Geittmann, and great nephew Shawn M. Norman.

She is survived by her niece Suzanne Lowery, nephew William F. (Karen) Geittmann, great nephew Geoffrey W. (Cindy) Geittmann, Kyle (Courtney) Howerton, great great nephew Leon and her great, great, nieces Autumn F. Norman, and Grace S. Geittmann from Marion, Illinois, along with niece Jodie L.

Geittmann and nephew Rick A. Geittmann from Rainier, Washington.

## HONORING EAGLE SCOUT EZRA FOOTE

## HON. JAMES COMER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ezra Foote of Kentucky's 1st Congressional District for earning the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout.

I would like to offer Ezra my sincerest congratulations for attaining this high-esteemed rank. He should be immensely proud of the accomplishments he has made to reach this point. I encourage him to continue taking on new projects and setting a positive example in his community.

I am honored to recognize him for this accomplishment. Ezra has achieved a place of honor, but he now also has a responsibility to strive for greatness. As an Eagle Scout, he is challenged to become the best person that he can be. I wish him all the best in his great future endeavors, of which I know there will be many.

I join with the community of Calloway County in celebrating Ezra Foote for his hard work and dedication. Congratulations once again and best wishes for continued success.

## RECOGNIZING NEW HOPE BOROUGH CHIEF MICHAEL V. CUMMINGS RETIREMENT

## HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Mr. Fitzpatrick. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an exceptional constituent from my district, Chief Michael V. Cummings of New Hope Borough Police Department who is retiring after over 45 years of dedicated service as a law enforcement officer.

Michael was born and raised in Buffalo, New York, but moved to Warminster, Pennsylvania in 1971 where he has remained ever since. He graduated from Temple University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology with a concentration in Criminology. After graduation he began his career in 1977 with the Doylestown Borough Police Department where he remained for over 30 years.

During his tenure with Doylestown Borough, he held the ranks of Patrol Officer, Patrol Sergeant, Detective Sergeant, and Lieutenant. Michael Cummings during his tenure in Doylestown Borough had many notable accomplishments. As a patrol officer Michael was instrumental in forming what was to become a three dog K-9 unit. Michael, along with his police K-9 Bergey, went a step further and trained to compete at a regional and national level with the United States Police Canine Association.

As a sergeant, Michael was trained as a polygraph operator. In that capacity he served many police departments in providing testing for both criminal cases and new police hires. Michael Cummings was one of the first Drug

Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) Instructors in Bucks County teaching the anti-drug curriculum to 6th graders in the elementary schools in the Borough.

Michael was also the supervisor of the Doylestown Borough Detective unit. He supervised the more serious cases that occurred in the Borough. One of these cases resulted in the arrest of a Columbian national and the seizure of 102 kilos of cocaine, hundreds of thousands of dollars confiscated, and property forfeitures Michael was awarded a commendation from the Commissioner of the Philadelphia Police Department as well as other local and state authorities for his work on this case. In addition, Michael was awarded the Delaware Valley Association of Police Professionals Officer of the year as the Bucks County recipient.

The Central Bucks County Region realized a need for a special response team for the handling of critical incidents. Michael Cummings was trained as a Negotiator and was appointed by the members of the executive Board to supervise the Crisis Negotiation Team servicing 20 municipalities in the Central and Upper Bucks region of the county.

In 2009 Michael became Police Chief of New Hope Borough. In his 15 years as chief he led numerous initiatives to better the force and community as a whole. He worked with the Borough Council to replace an aging fleet of patrol vehicles and upgraded equipment to include Mobile Data Terminals, greatly enhancing effectiveness in the field.

Chief Cummings standardized and streamlined his department in numerous ways during his tenure. He set out to issue every officer the same side arm replacing an inefficient and disjointed system of different manufacturers and models. He was successful in obtaining funds to purchase Glock pistols that have since been upgraded to include red dot sights and mounted lights.

The record system for the Parking Enforcement Department was unorganized. Chief Cummings was able to work with a parking enforcement company to install software that made it possible to track all tickets and automatically send out letters to violators. When many of the parking tickets were discovered to be unreadable, Chief Cummings obtained handheld parking devices that took pictures. The error rate went to zero as the registration plates could be verified by pictures. He was also tasked with the implementation of a new parking system that used kiosks and a parking application. This new parking system has resulted in an increase in parking revenue.

Faced with the cost of looking up vehicle registrations becoming cost prohibitive, Cummings was able to install a Mobile Data Terminal connected to the Bucks County Radio Center in the station. Now vehicle registrations from all over the country can be accessed not only in a timely fashion but without cost.

Chief Cummings championed de-escalation during his tenure. He made sure that all full-time New Hope Borough Officers received 40-hour Crisis Intervention Training. In 2022 a body cam program was instituted with the help of a grant from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (P.C.C.D.). He was able to obtain another PA P.C.C.D. grant to replace and outdated records management system. In 2023 the New Hope Borough Police Department became an PA accredited police department. To date, only 19 boroughs in the state have obtained this designation.