

HONORING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF CARPENTERS UNION LOCAL NO. 599 IN HAMMOND

HON. FRANK J. MRVAN

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2024

Mr. MRVAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to congratulate the members and leaders of the Hammond, Indiana Carpenters Union Local No. 599 as they commemorate the organization's 125th anniversary. In honor of this momentous occasion, Hammond Carpenters Local No. 599 will recognize union members for their outstanding service during a pin ceremony and anniversary celebration on Saturday, September 21, 2024, at the Hellenic Banquet Center in Merrillville, Indiana.

Hammond Carpenters Local No. 599 is a remarkable organization representing skilled craftsmen throughout Northwest Indiana and beyond. I would like to acknowledge the members being honored for their hard work and devotion to their trade. The graduated apprentices who will be honored include: Daniel Almeida, Sean Anderson, Trystan Arch, Joseph Armstrong, Robert Chicvara, Donald Colard, Brian Derby, Jaclyn Flores, Anthony Gibson, Austin Haney, Amber Jetmund, Isaiah Jimenez, Roy Meyer, Brian Orzechowicz, Matt Resunencko, Alex Salgado and Arnell Washington. The members who will be honored for 10 years of service include: Gregory Cams, Joshua Clausen, Jose Cordero, Tom Drakos, Adam Ibarra, Joshua Lindquist, Jakob Winarski, and Gregory Woosley. The members who will be honored for 15 years of service include: Andrew Denham, Brian Jamka, Cory Klajic, Chad Kuhn, Thomas Lashenik, Kyle Lazzaroni, Gary Nord, Daniel Prendergast, Daniel Rademacher, Jason Shultz, Stephan Sosnowski, John Terpstra, and Bert Williams. The members who will be honored for 20 years of service include: Jack Bonick, Josh Bridegroom, Robert Buczek, Rick Companik, Todd Dapshis, Shane Eaker, Alberto Gomez, Todd Hemann, Jose Marquez, Sebert Meadows, Henry Quintana, Darryl Ramos, Jason Swigon, and Adam VanAmstel. The members who will be honored for 25 years of service include: Marc Bozetarnik, Jeff Buesing, John Erickson, Justin Fischer, Chris Gorski, Roy Hamende, Sr., Don Hancock, Gary Jenczalik, Darrin Jendreas, George Jeronimo, Alfonso Martinez, Daniel Miller, Adam Nagel, Edwin Pina, Jeff Sellers, James Stuppy, Scott Talaga, and Chris Tauber. The members who will be awarded for 30 years of service include: Phil Baran, Sylvia Cabrales, Brian Hensley, Eric Long, James Prahlow, and David Thomas. The members who will be honored for 35 years of service include: John Adams, James Ballard, Michael Brown, Duane Dedelow, Daniel Defflorio, John Dorsey, James Golub, Carl Harbison, Tom John, Craig McGuane, Kenneth Morgan, Randall Norris, James Slagle, and David Turczi. The members who will be honored for 40 years of service are Kevin McCarthy and Michael Rodriguez. The members who will be honored for 45 years of service include: Terry Eckrich, Fred Kuhn, Richard Meyers, Brian Morton, and Thomas Perez. The members who will be honored for 50 years of service are Daniel Brown and Timothy Foley.

The members who will be honored for 55 years of service include: Greg Argentine,

Charles Gibbs, Rudy Medellin, and Michael Schaller. The members who will be honored for 60 years of service include: Robert Lowry, Bernard Ritchey, and Darrel Silks. Lastly, but most noteworthy, Ron Carlson will be honored for his 70 years of service.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating the Hammond, Indiana Carpenters Union Local No. 599 on its 125th Anniversary. Northwest Indiana has a rich history of excellence in its craftsmanship and loyalty among its tradesmen and women. Carpenters Union Local No. 599, and all unions, work tirelessly to ensure safe working conditions, living wages, and growth opportunities for its employees. For their significant contributions to working families and the development of the region, the leaders and members of Carpenters Union Local No. 599 are worthy of the highest praise.

HONORING THE CALIFORNIA TAHOE CONSERVANCY'S 40TH AN- NIVERSARY

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2024

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and commend the California Tahoe Conservancy as it celebrates its 40th anniversary serving the Lake Tahoe Basin and community. This outstanding achievement is a testament to the crucial work the Tahoe Conservancy has accomplished to protect the Lake Tahoe Basin's beautiful natural resources and landscapes.

During my tenure as a California State Senator, I was honored to lead the legislation that established the Tahoe Conservancy in 1984. For four decades, the Tahoe Conservancy has significantly advanced California's efforts to restore and enhance the natural and recreational resources of the Lake Tahoe Basin. Today, the Tahoe Conservancy continues its legacy as a leader in environmental protection by helping to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and wildfire risk, protecting ecologically critical lands, and enhancing the region's climate resiliency.

Since its founding, the Tahoe Conservancy has consistently demonstrated its commitment to collaborating with other public agencies and fostering partnerships with surrounding communities, especially those facing significant inequities. From spearheading initiatives to support the Lake Tahoe Basin's sustainable economy to ensuring public health and safety, the Tahoe Conservancy is helping the region establish an enduring balance between humans and the natural environment.

The Tahoe Conservancy's innovative strategies and groundbreaking projects are protecting the Lake Tahoe Basin's rich biodiversity and restoring the Basin's ecological resilience. The Tahoe Conservancy is a faithful steward of the Basin's natural, tribal, and cultural resources, and I look forward to seeing their continued work to protect this special place for future generations to enjoy.

On behalf of the constituents of California's Eighth Congressional District, I would like to congratulate the California Tahoe Conservancy on its 40th anniversary and extend my

sincere gratitude for its generations of service to the Lake Tahoe Basin and community.

RECOGNIZING POLICE CHIEF DEAN LOGAN'S RETIREMENT FROM THE DOYLESTOWN POLICE DE- PARTMENT

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2024

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and commemorate Doylestown Police Chief Dean Logan, after faithfully serving and protecting the residents of Doylestown for the past thirty-seven years.

Chief Logan began his career in 1987 as a patrolman. His hard work and unwavering dedication quickly propelled him through the ranks. Just four years later, Officer Logan became Detective Logan, a role in which he served for 12 years, solving numerous cases and delivering justice to the community he cared so deeply about. His excellence and leadership were undeniable, and he soon moved up again, this time to Sergeant. After just two years in that role, he became a Lieutenant—a position he held for seven years. It was during this period that he attended and graduated from Session 226 of the FBI National Academy, a prestigious milestone in his career.

Chief Logan's ascent did not stop there. In 2012, after many years of dedicated service, he took on the role of Chief, a position in which he served the people of Doylestown Township with courage and distinction.

During his tenure as Chief, he led a team of over 20 officers and civilian staff and managed an annual budget exceeding three million dollars. His leadership and forward-thinking approach left a lasting impact on the community, particularly through his contributions to modernizing and improving policing practices. Under his guidance, the department embraced the use of social media, implemented In-Car and Body-Worn Camera systems, and established a Motor Patrol Unit. Chief Logan also prioritized the continued education and training of his officers, ensuring they were equipped with advanced skills in traffic enforcement, criminal investigations, and command-level leadership.

Chief Logan's service extended beyond the Doylestown Township Police Department. He was a dedicated member of the Bucks County Chiefs of Police Association and the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association. His leadership also played a key role in the construction of the new Township Administration Building and Police Station in 2018, as part of the Doylestown Township Building Committee.

Chief Logan has spent his life and career protecting and serving the public. His commitment, vision, and integrity embody the very best of law enforcement, and his impact on this community will be felt for years to come. We wish him all the best in his future endeavors and express our deep gratitude for his service to the Doylestown Township Police Department. Mr. Speaker, I ask that we remember Chief A. Dean Logan for his remarkable service, his commitment to others, and the indelible mark he has left on all who had the privilege to know him.

CELEBRATING JIM ERVIN'S 80TH BIRTHDAY

HON. LISA C. McCLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2024

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my most heartfelt wishes to my good friend Jim Ervin as he celebrates his 80th birthday.

A proud veteran, businessman, and inspiration to many, Jim's background has allowed him to excel in everything he has done. At 80, Jim continues to apply his wealth of experience to our Nation's defense industry. As a result, Jim is widely renowned for his ability to forge meaningful relationships between policymakers, business leaders, and innovators throughout the country. His tireless work ethic is one that should inspire us all.

Throughout his incredible 20-year service in the U.S. Air Force, Jim was able to see—and experience—almost every aspect of our military, foreign and domestic. As a logistician, he ensured that our troops in the Middle East and South America had everything they needed. As a legislative liaison, he advocated on behalf of the Air Force to make sure that our airmen were always ready to serve. Jim is someone who will always put others first, especially in service to his country.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Jim a happy 80th birthday. I am proud to be able to call him my friend, and I sincerely look forward to what the future has in store for him.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF WEST CARE

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2024

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, today, we gather to commemorate a remarkable milestone in the field of healthcare and community service—the 50th Anniversary of West Care. This historic occasion is a testament to the enduring legacy and unwavering commitment of West Care to improving various physical, mental, and behavioral health issues in the community.

Comprehensive Drug and Alcohol Abuse Program of Central California (CDAAPCC) was founded in the spring of 1973 under the visionary leadership of four master's graduates from California State University of Fresno in aspirations of finding a solution of the rising issue of substance abuse in Fresno, CA. Of the four initial founders, only one, Robert "Bob" Klise, MSW, continued the original mission. What began as a thesis, would grow exponentially over the next 50 years to provide behavioral health and human services in the Golden State and beyond.

The legacy that has transcended from 1973 until 2024 has left an undeniable impact on many. In 1973 the Comprehensive Drug and Alcohol Abuse Program of Central California (CDAAPCC) was founded to facilitate the creation of a treatment program. In 1974, The Third Floor of the program received funding and was able to admit its first client in 1975.

The project at hand continued to prosper and in search of new ways to assist the community, residential services expanded to include women's treatments in 1985.

Further expansion allowed for a new recovery residence to promote aftercare in 1988. In 1992, The Third Floor entered a management contract with West Care following the passing of founder, Bob Klise. In efforts to continue his legacy after his passing, The Third Floor began offering outpatient treatments. 1999 was a pivotal year for The Third Floor as it merged with West Care to become West Care California, Veteran services were introduced with the Homefront Grant-Per-Diem Transitional Housing Program. Education, and prevention services were also introduced with the Women 2 Women program for mothers, who were affected by or at risk of HIV/AIDS. Treatment services broadened into perinatal services to tie young children into their parent's treatments. Last, but most certainly not least, California's longest running program, MLK residential, was founded with the management provided by West Care. Within the following years, many programs, such as: The Living Room, San Joaquin Valley Veterans, Youth Services in Kings, and Options Program were introduced and merged with West Care.

In 2014, the Criminal Justice Services expanded with the introduction of the Custody to Community Transition Reentry Program (CCTRP) in San Diego. That same year, extension into Housing Opportunities for non-Veteran individuals and families experiencing homelessness with the project LiftOFF program was also introduced. Within 2021–2023 more programs such as Housing Support, New Model of Care, and Wings Advocacy Fresno also collaborated with West Care to provide additional support.

West Cares mission is both clear and commendable. The community outreach efforts have left an indelible mark on the Central Valley. Their commitment to uplifting the human spirit is unwavering, with numerous organizations and program support. Their advocacy efforts are rooted in the promotion of working, growing, and learning together. As we stand on the cusp of West Cares 50th Anniversary, it is incumbent upon us to recognize and celebrate this momentous occasion. It represents five decades of unwavering dedication, advocacy, and service to the community.

Mr. Speaker, I invite my esteemed colleagues to join me in honoring West Care. Let us celebrate their legacy and their ongoing commitment to changing lives and improving communities in which it operates.

HONORING DR. SHANESSA FENNER, OF W.T. BROWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ON WINNING CUMBERLAND COUNTY SCHOOLS 2025 PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2024

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Dr. Fenner on being named Cumberland County Schools Principal of the Year.

Dr. Fenner is truly a dedicated public servant and educator. Since 2002, she has worked

tirelessly to ensure that the students of Cumberland County receive a top-notch education and develop the skills necessary to be prepared for the future. After graduating from Fayetteville State University, she kept her talent in our community and dedicated her time and energy into our own students.

As the son of a retired Cabarrus County teacher, I understand the sacrifices our teachers and educators make every single day on behalf of our students, and I want to personally thank Dr. Fenner for all of her hard work. I feel so lucky and blessed that we have such selfless and devoted educators, like Dr. Fenner, in our community.

Again, congratulations to Dr. Fenner on winning this prestigious award. She should feel immensely proud of all she has done to improve the lives of our students.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in congratulating Dr. Fenner on being named Cumberland County's Principal of the Year.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ALBERT JOSEPH BORO

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2024

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Albert Boro (Mayor Boro) who passed away at the age of 89 on September 1, 2024. Mayor Boro was an iconic public figure in the City of San Rafael and Marin County and a beloved family member.

Born and raised in San Francisco, Mayor Boro earned a degree in Business Administration from the University of San Francisco. He went on to work for Pacific Bell as an executive for 35 years before retiring in 1990. Mayor Boro married Patricia Boro in 1959, and they moved to Marin County after they had their first son, Albert. The family grew with the birth of Maureen, followed by Michael, and then the family moved to San Rafael in 1966, where they had their fourth child, Gena.

While working full time, Mayor Boro quickly became involved in the Marin community, serving as a member of the Marin County Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Cultural Commission from 1968 to 2005, during which he helped to secure 9,700 acres of open space. He also served as a Lector and Eucharistic Minister for Saint Raphael's Catholic Church for many years. In 1971, he joined the San Rafael Planning Commission and was subsequently elected to the San Rafael City Council in 1987. After leaving his corporate role, Mayor Boro stepped into his "second career," as elected Mayor of San Rafael in 1991. After an initial four-year term, he was re-elected in 1995, 1999, 2003 and 2007, serving a total of 20 years as Mayor.

Revered for his ability to build consensus and for his many contributions to project and policy development, Mayor Boro's positive impacts on the community are far-reaching. He oversaw the expansion of city services to the historically underserved Canal neighborhood by renovating the community center. He also guided the preservation of the historic Rafael Theatre, and construction of the new Public Works building and Parkside Children's Center. During his tenure, Mayor Boro played an instrumental role in regional and county initiatives, simultaneously serving as Director of the