

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING BERNIE STONE AS IOWAN, AND VETERAN, OF THE WEEK

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 19, 2020

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, Veterans Day offers Americans time each year to reflect on the service and sacrifices of our veterans, reminding us of the freedoms and values we might take for granted other days. This is the week for us to pay our respects to those who have served and stand united in respect for our veterans. That is why today, I rise to honor a veteran who is a shining example of what it means to serve both in uniform and in his community. I am proud to recognize Bernie Stone as Iowan of the Week.

Bernie is the City Leader and Co-Founder of the Des Moines Chapter of Bunker Labs where he equips, mentors, and connects veterans and military spouses with resources to get them on the path to a successful business. He loves to help people achieve their goals and strives to help veterans find meaning and purpose after service. Bunker Labs is a national network of veteran and military spouse entrepreneurs dedicated to helping the military connected community start their own business. They are committed to seeing that every entrepreneur in the military-connected community has the network, tools, and resources they need.

Bernie moved to Des Moines in 2015 after a 20-year Army career that ended at the Pentagon, where he served as a Russian affairs specialist. Throughout his military career Bernie gained high-level experience in foreign affairs and national security policy as well as extensive overseas experience in Europe, Central Asia, and East Asia. He has served in five U.S. Embassies and was awarded the Medal of Merit from the Republic of Lithuania.

Bernie served our nation with honor and distinction. When he retired from military service and began the transition back into civilian life, he was surprised and disappointed to discover how difficult it was to find meaningful employment that would put his skills to use. Veterans find themselves in this circumstance all too often after service. In the face of that challenge, Bernie dedicated his skills to Bunker Labs so other veterans could overcome the same obstacle.

Organizations like Bunker Labs and advocates for helping veterans gain meaningful employment and professional opportunity after military life show that our veterans have the grit, skills, and work ethic that can help any business grow and compete. It is important to thank veterans for their service and honor them with events and national observances, and even more important to help them find health, happiness, and success when they come home. I am committed to making sure our military families can reintegrate into civilian life, and I will continue to fight for legislation

that ensures that our nation's veterans are taken care of.

I thank Bernie and all of our veterans who have dedicated their lives to serving this great nation. It is my honor to recognize him as Iowan of the Week.

TRIBUTE TO BERWIN HANNA

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 19, 2020

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to my good friend Berwin Hanna, who is stepping down this month from the Norco City Council. Norco, California, is known as Horsetown, USA because of its affection for horses, and few people have embodied its spirit more than Berwin Hanna.

As a native Texan, Berwin was raised around horses, cattle and livestock. Under the direction of his cowboy father, Berwin learned to tend cattle and train horses. Eventually, he would become an accomplished thoroughbred trainer and travel to racetracks from Michigan to New Mexico training horses. Berwin would later settle in Norco after being naturally drawn to the community because of its deep equestrian roots.

First elected to the Norco City Council in 2007, Berwin was motivated to serve and advocate for maintaining the city's rural, animal-keeping lifestyle. After joining the council, he worked to embrace Horsetown, USA's focus by developing more equestrian events and businesses. He was at the forefront of establishing the National Day of the Cowboy, which has quickly become one of the city's most cherished events. Throughout his time on the council, Berwin represented the city on the Riverside County Transportation Commission, Northwest Mosquito & Vector Control District and Riverside Transit Agency.

While Berwin will no longer be serving the city in an official capacity, I am confident he will continue to be a champion for Horsetown, USA into the future. I want to thank Berwin's wife, Diane, as well as both of his daughters and son for supporting him while he served his community. I know I speak on behalf of all residents in expressing my heartfelt thanks and praise for Berwin's significant contributions to the city of Norco.

RECOGNIZING COMMANDER
CHRISTOPHER JOHN ARBUCKLE

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 19, 2020

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize those men and women who continue to serve this great Nation with

honor—men such as Commander (CDR) John Arbuckle, United States Navy.

For the past year, CDR Arbuckle served on my staff as a Congressional Defense Fellow. A 1998 graduate of the United States Naval Academy, CDR Arbuckle is a proud Naval Aviator who has also earned his Juris Doctor from the University of Kentucky. During his assignment in my office, CDR Arbuckle provided senior-level input for defense, veterans, foreign affairs and intelligence matters. Additionally, he executed his work as a liaison to the constituents of Virginia's First Congressional District with distinction.

Furthermore, CDR Arbuckle provided exceptional support to me as a staff liaison to the House Armed Services Committee in my role as the Seapower and Projection Forces Subcommittee Ranking Member. CDR Arbuckle dutifully provided me with guidance on what the Navy's path forward should be in critical areas such as training, readiness, and manning. His recent command experience was invaluable to my work in Congress.

As the Co-Chair of the Congressional Shipbuilding Caucus and the Co-Chair of the Navy-Marine Corps Caucus, I relied on CDR Arbuckle to organize quarterly events with government, military, and private sector leaders. These events allowed key decisionmakers to work together for the advancement of our future Naval Officers as well as the construction and repair of the ships on which they will serve.

CDR Arbuckle also directly contributed to my goal of providing excellent constituent service to the people of the First District. He was responsible for bringing numerous constituent inquiries to a successful conclusion, and he leveraged his personal and operational experience in the Navy to respond to the most challenging inquiries. In addition to his efforts locally, CDR Arbuckle took on projects with regional, state, and national implications, demonstrating his ability to view a challenge from many angles and develop innovative solutions.

CDR Arbuckle's work ethic, duty to mission, and commitment to servant leadership is without equal. I believe that his personal drive to achieve excellence in his work has and will set a very high standard for his peers. I would also like to thank CDR Arbuckle for the service and sacrifice he has made, and continues to make, both for our Nation and our great Navy. His impeccable integrity, boundless work ethic, and loyal devotion to duty earned him the respect and admiration of my staff and the First District of Virginia. I have no doubt that CDR Arbuckle will continue to serve the Navy honorably and with distinction.

I wish John and his wife Allison, children Ella and Jack, the best of luck as they continue their journey together as a Navy family. It was an honor and a pleasure having John serve on my staff. We all can sleep soundly at night knowing that members of our all-volunteer force like John stand ready to defend our country and take the fight to our enemies; far away from their families and the comforts of the United States of America.

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I thank CDR John Arbuckle for a fantastic job. Best of luck to him and may God bless him, his family, and all the Sailors he is charged with leading.

**NATIONAL SEA GRANT COLLEGE
PROGRAM AMENDMENTS ACT OF
2020**

HON. SUZANNE BONAMICI

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 19, 2020

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, as Co-Chair of the House Oceans Caucus, I rise in support of S. 910, a bill to reauthorize and increase funding for the National Sea Grant College Program.

The health of our ocean reflects the health of our planet. The Sea Grant program's research, extension, and education efforts are essential to improve our understanding, conservation, and use of our nation's coastal resources. Affiliated with Oregon State University (OSU) as one of the 33 university-based programs, Oregon Sea Grant focuses on the ecological, social, and economic effects of many coastal issues, including evaluating development, adapting to coastal hazards, protecting marine fisheries, and understanding the cultural significance of marine resources.

Oregon Sea Grant also fosters and increases public understanding of ocean and coastal issues through its management of the Visitor Center at OSU's Hatfield Marine Science Center in Newport, Oregon. The Center is an ocean and coastal learning laboratory for all ages. Oregon Sea Grant extension staff are based in coastal communities and along the Columbia River to engage stakeholders on topics related to ocean health and coastal communities. As Co-Chair of the House Oceans Caucus, I have had the opportunity to work with the Sea Grant program and witness the value of their collaborative model to crafting meaningful solutions to the most significant challenges facing our ocean today, like ocean acidification, harmful algal blooms, hypoxia, marine debris, and tsunami preparedness.

I am grateful to Oregon Sea Grant for their many efforts to protect and sustain coastal communities, and especially their work to strengthen the resiliency of our ocean and coastal ecosystems in Northwest Oregon. I urge all of my colleagues to support this bill.

**HONORING JOAN HARDIE
MUNFORD**

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 19, 2020

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of Joan Hardie Munford, who passed away on November 11, 2020. Mrs. Munford was a businesswoman and represented parts of the New River Valley in the Virginia House of Delegates, where she was a legislator of accomplishment.

Joan Hardie was born on October 25, 1933, in Blacksburg, Virginia to John D. Hardie and Hester Price Hardie. Her family owned busi-

nesses including the popular Hardie House restaurant in the area. She attended Blacksburg High School, where she met her eventual husband Thomas William Munford Jr., and graduated in 1951. She then attended Radford College, now Radford University, and earned a degree in Education.

Mrs. Munford embarked on a business career, participating in the founding of a property and nursing home development corporation in the early 1970s. She worked as a licensed nursing home administrator for Heritage Hall in Blacksburg, and it became a chain with seventeen nursing homes across Virginia. She eventually rose to the position of Vice President of Operations.

In 1981, Mrs. Munford was elected to the Virginia House of Delegates representing the Thirteenth District and become one of the few women in the General Assembly. In the House, she served on the Corporations, Insurance, and Banking, Labor and Commerce, and Education Committees. She was an accomplished legislator involved in passing laws regarding education, child labor, and workplace regulation among other topics. By the time she retired from the House of Delegates in 1993, she had risen to chair of the Labor and Commerce Committee.

Retiring from the House of Delegates did not end Mrs. Munford's community service, as she served on the Board of Directors for First National Bank of Christiansburg and the Carilion New River Valley Medical Center and as a member of the first planning committee for Virginia Tech's Choices and Challenges Forum Series. She was an active member of Blacksburg Presbyterian Church and loved music, especially playing the piano, throughout her life.

Mrs. Munford is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Mary and David Harder; her grandsons, James Harder and Benjamin Harder and his wife, Jacquelyn Harder; and great-grandchildren, Cole and Airlie Harder. I offer my condolences to them on the loss of this community servant and advocate.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 19, 2020

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I was unable to be present for a recorded vote on November 18, 2020 for Closing Portions of the Conference for H.R. 6395, the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 222.

**IN HONOR OF PRECINCT 1 COMMISSIONER
MICHAEL "MIKE"
MEADOR**

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 19, 2020

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Michael "Mike" Lloyd Meador for his honorable 28 years of public service as Precinct 1 Commissioner in Montgomery County.

The Meador family roots in Montgomery County extend back over 100 years, and Mike has carried on the family legacy with his leadership and integrity. Mike was born to W.L. and Poodle Meador in Willis, Texas, and graduated from Willis High School. Staying near his roots, he went on to earn a degree in Accounting from Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas.

Always a dedicated member of his community, Mike has served as Montgomery County Commissioner of Precinct 1 since January of 1993. In fact, in December of 2019, Mike was recognized as the longest-serving commissioner in the history of the county. After 28 years in service, Mike announced he will be stepping down from this position in January of 2021.

Mike's time in public service has been as accomplished as it has been lengthy, and his exceptional management has helped attract commercial and industrial businesses to the precinct. Under Mike's leadership, several successful developments have been established; two community centers, multiple Justice of the Peace and Constable buildings, 17 baseball fields, and the acquisition of a grant to build a recycling center. Mike's tenure has been defined by honesty, integrity, and humility. He's always prided himself on maintaining an open line of communication with constituents, and remained constantly engaged with those he serves. It's no wonder he was named "Elected Official of the Year," by the Lake Conroe Rotary Club.

Mike's involvement in our community extends well beyond his role as commissioner—he is a member of First Baptist Church of Conroe, a lifetime member of both the Montgomery County Fair Association and Friends of Conroe, a member of the Montgomery County Historical Society and an active participant in the Lake Conroe Chamber of Commerce.

Mike's commitment to his community is matched only by his commitment to his family. He and his wife of 50 years, Janie Houser Meador, have three children and nine wonderful grandchildren. I join them all in thanking him for his exceptional service to Montgomery County. Our community has been blessed to have Mike, and I wish him all the best as he embarks on his next endeavor.

HONORING ERIC BURMEISTER

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 19, 2020

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Mr. Eric Burmeister, Executive Director of the Polk County Housing Trust Fund, as this week's Iowan of the Week for the week of September 25, 2020.

Iowans have been through a lot recently. Along with the COVID-19 pandemic, we have also experienced extreme drought, a derecho, and some communities are still recovering from last year's floods. One common issue families are facing as the result of each of those circumstances is a rise in housing insecurity, whether by damage to the home itself or loss of income to pay for housing. For far too many in our state, this basic human need

is at risk. And if a basic need like housing isn't met, parents will struggle to maintain steady employment and children will not learn as well in school. There is no facet of life untouched by this issue.

Eric Burmeister and his team at the Polk County Housing Trust Fund (PCHTF) have been fighting tooth and nail to make sure our most vulnerable neighbors have somewhere stable to call home. Not only does the organization lead local efforts on planning, advocating, and funding for affordable housing in the state's most populous county, its team also finds meaningful ways to help individuals through housing challenges.

Recently due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we've seen a dramatic increase in evictions in Polk County and across the state. To combat the issue, Burmeister, along with the PCHTF and Iowa Legal Aid, came up with a new program to help renters avoid eviction. Implemented nearly a month ago, the project is set up just outside Polk County's eviction court to connect tenants with legal assistance and immediate rental assistance. Funded by \$800,000 from Polk County's share of federal CARES Act funding, the emergency program provides low-barrier funding that can cover rent through the end of September and as far back as March 15. Burmeister's goal for the program is to provide one more reinforcement in the safety net to help Polk County residents avoid homelessness during the pandemic. Since the program began Sept. 1, it's already helped prevent 61 evictions affecting 149 residents, 77 of them children.

Eric has been involved in affordable housing advocacy for decades. He came to the PCHTF in 2010 after a thirty-year career in real estate development and finance. A graduate of Drake University Law School, he has represented developers of notable commercial and residential redevelopment projects in the Des Moines metro area, including the historic Kirkwood Hotel, Brown Camp Lofts, and the Newin Dairy Lofts. Burmeister also has a long history of involvement in the Des Moines community, serving in leadership positions with The Polk-Des Moines Taxpayers' Association, The Greater Des Moines Leadership Institute, and most recently on the Executive Committee and Board of Trustees of Grand View University where he teaches part-time in the business department. He stays active in several Des Moines neighborhood associations and is currently serving on steering committees as a community representative for affordable housing issues.

Through his tireless dedication to addressing this issue and finding countless ways to get involved in his community, Eric shows us what it means to be an Iowan. Since before I took office, I've said the best problem solvers live right here in Iowa's third congressional district. Eric's sensible solution to help his neighbors avoid homelessness during a global pandemic is one more example of that fact. I'm forever proud of Iowans like him who have stepped up to the plate to help address this pressing issue. I will continue to promote and push for legislation in Congress that enables organizations like the Polk County Housing Trust Fund, Iowa Legal Aid, and advocates like Eric to work towards their goal of affordable housing and eradication of homelessness. It is my privilege to recognize Eric Burmeister as Iowan of the Week.

TRIBUTE TO RONALD W. SULLIVAN

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 19, 2020

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to and congratulate Director Ronald W. Sullivan for his nearly two decades of dedicated service to Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD).

Director Sullivan has been a Board Member at EMWD since January 2003, representing Division 4, which includes the cities of Menifee and Perris. During his tenure on the Board, Director Sullivan has dedicated himself to helping EMWD advance projects that provide a more reliable water supply for future generations of customers in western Riverside County. He has helped EMWD secure hundreds of millions of dollars in local, state and federal funds that have expanded water, wastewater and recycled water infrastructure. He played a pivotal role in the advancement of EMWD's groundwater desalination program, including the Perris II Desalter. Mr. Sullivan was also a driving force behind the completion of modernized sewer systems in the economically disadvantaged communities of Quail Valley and Enchanted Heights; both projects were offset by significant external funding.

Director Sullivan was passionate about addressing arid west issues. He served as a board member on the National Water Resources Association, was a federal affairs liaison for the Association of California Water Agencies, and was honored by the Texas Water Conservation Association for his dedication to multi-state collaboration on federal issues with Texas. Mr. Sullivan was a tireless advocate in Washington, DC, providing testimony before Congress and pushing federal agencies to partner with EMWD to address the needs of his constituents.

Director Sullivan has served as EMWD's representative to the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA), which manages the Inland Empire Brine Line and other regional watershed management programs as well as the Western Riverside Council of Governments. He is a former Riverside County Planning Commissioner, and City of Hemet Planning Commissioner.

Ron is a great American, a true public servant, and a friend. The entire Southern California region, as well as the arid west, thank Ron for his many years of dedicated service and I wish him the best in his next chapter.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DAVID M. BARRON

HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 19, 2020

Ms. JUDY CHU of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of David M. Barron, who passed away this month at the age of 79. Mr. Barron was a colleague of mine in Monterey Park, California, a longtime resident of California's 27th Congressional District, and a dedicated public servant.

Mr. Barron was born in East Los Angeles on September 29, 1941, and was the youngest of

four siblings. He attended East Los Angeles College for several years and transferred to California State University, Los Angeles, where he would go on to receive his B.A. in Journalism and Communications in 1965. His passion for journalism led him to work as a writer and editor for the Belvedere Citizen and Eastside Journal for many years after college, and he would later go on to publish the Monterey Park Journal and the West Valley Journal for over 20 years.

Mr. Barron met his wife at East Los Angeles College and the two married in 1963. They moved to Monterey Park in 1966 where he began his long career in public service to the community. He served on the Monterey Park Planning Commission for several years before being elected Monterey Park City Clerk in 1988, where I worked alongside him as a member of the City Council. Among his many accomplishments as City Clerk, Mr. Barron was credited with bringing electronic touchscreen voting to the city. He retired from his long career as City Clerk in 2013 after 25 years in the role, but was dedicated to continue his service to the community. He then served for six years on the Board of Trustees for the Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library and was a member of the Monterey Park Library Foundation.

Mr. Barron is survived by his beloved wife Mary Ellen, four children, 10 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. He leaves behind an enduring legacy of service to Monterey Park and the San Gabriel Valley, and it is my distinct honor to commemorate his life.

CONGRATULATING NED GOLD

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 19, 2020

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ned Gold, of Warren, Ohio, who earlier this year was awarded the Boy Scouts of America's highest honor, the Silver Buffalo Award.

Mr. Gold, who has been in Scouting for more than 70 years, was one of 14 to be honored nationally this year. The Silver Buffalo Award is the distinguished service award of the Boy Scouts of America. It is awarded for extraordinary service to youth on a national level.

Ned has spent countless hours contributing to the work of Scouting, including helping to found the Philmont Staff Association, which supports the Philmont Scout Ranch, the largest youth camp in the world, located in Cimarron, New Mexico.

Additionally, Ned is credited with bringing a 450-piece fine art collection, which includes 65 scouting-themed paintings by Norman Rockwell, out of storage and on exhibit at the Medici Museum of Art in my Congressional District.

Outside of Scouting, Mr. Gold has greatly contributed to the Mahoning Valley community. I am unaware of any other lawyer who devotes as much pro-bono time in our community as Ned. Through his dedicated work with Trumbull 100, our primary civic organization, Mr. Gold has made significant contributions to the economic development within our community. Ned has also led organized movements in our community to honor our veterans

and shelter animals through the Animal Welfare League.

In short, Ned cares for his community and uses his devotion to Scouting's principles for the betterment of our community. I am very proud to have known Ned for many years through my brother Alan, who served as an attorney in Ned's former law firm, and through Ned's son Greg, who was my high school classmate.

I ask that you all join me in congratulating Ned for receiving this distinguished award and thanking him for his service to the communities I represent.

TRIBUTE TO BISHOP WILLIE
JAMES CAMPBELL

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 19, 2020

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, this Proclamation is in tribute to Bishop Willie James Campbell:

Whereas, Bishop Willie James Campbell was called in his eternal rest on November 7, 2020 at age 75; and

Whereas, Willie James Campbell was born in Chicago to the union of Bishop Jesse Campbell and Agnes Campbell; and

Whereas, Bishop Campbell started preaching in 1968 at his father's church on Chicago's Westside at 4147 West Roosevelt Road and was ordained in 1970's; and

Whereas, Bishop Campbell was known as "the prince of preachers," a dynamic, energetic and effective minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ with over 25 years of ministry, an evangelist (who preached his Ordination Service when I became a Deacon at the New Galilee MBC Church). He was a loyal community leader and supporter of community revitalization programs including as an original supporter of Community Bank of Lawndale (now Liberty Bank); and

Whereas, Bishop Campbell was appointed by the Presiding Bishop Charles E. Blake and the General Board of the Church of God in Christ to the office of President of the Department of Evangelism and subsequently was recommended and promoted to the designation of Bishop; and

Whereas, Bishop Campbell was a member of the Gospel Music Workshop of America Announcers Guild, a member of the NAACP, AARC, Chicago Urban League, Ministers Alliance of Chicago, Operation PUSH and a Save the Children sponsor; and

Whereas, Bishop Campbell leaves to cherish his memory his wife: Lori; sons: Jesse, James and Jared from his first marriage to Anne Campbell; daughter Bridgette Hurt; another daughter, Tjuan Gibbs; children Miisha and Kayla Campbell from his marriage to Lori Campbell; sisters Lillie Mae English, Eunice McIntyre and Clarola Scott; brothers Wardell and Kenneth Campbell; grandchildren and great-grandchildren; his Congregation and a host of relatives and friends;

Now, that we join with his family, Congregation and friends in deeply mourning the passing of our friend Bishop Willie James Campbell; and

Furthermore, we express to his family, Congregation, friends and all who knew him, our

respect for his life and works, and we commend his soul to the Almighty God for peaceful repose.

IN HONOR OF THOMAS REED HAUN

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 19, 2020

Mr. BARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a special man, Mr. Thomas Reed Haun. Mr. Haun is part of a special group of heroes that served our nation during World War II. He passed away on November 14, 2020.

Mr. Haun was born on July 27, 1924. He grew up in Sweetwater, Tennessee, where he lived until moving to Nicholasville, Kentucky for his final years. On August 3, 1943, he entered service in the United States Army. He served in the United States Army's 34th Division, 168th Infantry Regiment, under the command of Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark. Mr. Haun earned the rank of Staff Sergeant and served in the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater. He was wounded in the Po Valley in northern Italy on September 29, 1944. He was shot 9 times, from shoulder to ankle. Mr. Haun was hospitalized for a year, first in Italy, then transported on a hospital ship to New York and then Florida. He was given an experimental drug called penicillin. Mr. Haun was honorably discharged on July 2, 1945. For his brave service to our country, he was awarded the Purple Heart, the Silver Star, and the Bronze Star.

Upon returning from military service, Mr. Haun married Betty Ruth Ramey on October 6, 1946. They were married for 67 years. He worked as a manager at Sweetwater Hosiery Mill and then as a Deputy Clerk in the General Sessions Court. He served the people of Sweetwater and Monroe County on the City Commission, as a Trustee for 32 years, and as Fire Department Commissioner. He was a lifelong member of First Baptist Church. Mr. Haun was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather.

Mr. Haun and his fellow veterans are true heroes. As members of the "Greatest Generation", they willingly served and sacrificed to protect and defend the freedoms that we enjoy today. I am humbled to honor the service of Mr. Thomas Reed Haun before the United States Congress.

TRIBUTE TO MIKE R. VASQUEZ

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 19, 2020

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an outstanding individual, Mike R. Vasquez, who passed away at the age of 82 on October 27, 2020. As a restaurant entrepreneur and philanthropist, Mike was a dedicated and integral member of the Corona community who will be deeply missed.

Mike was born in Phoenix, Arizona on September 8, 1938, and was later raised in San Bernardino, California. Known to close friends

as Mickey and Don Miguel, Mike met his wife Mary Sanchez during a trip to Mexico. In 1973, Mike and Mary moved to Corona and bought an existing restaurant that they reopened as the first Miguel's full-service restaurant serving Mary's family recipes. Just two years later, the couple expanded the family business by opening their first fast food restaurant, Miguel's Jr. Over the decades since then, the Vasquez family has expanded the chain to more than 20 restaurants throughout southern California. The City of Corona, and its residents, are extremely proud to be home to the original Miguel's restaurants and they are second to none in the quality of food and service.

As a hard-working small business owner, Mike became increasingly active in his community throughout his life. He was incredibly generous to both his employees as well as causes and organizations throughout our region. In recognition for their significant contributions, Mike and Mary were selected as Citizens of the Year in 2009 by the Corona Chamber of Commerce.

As a fellow Corona resident and small business owner, I had the pleasure of knowing Mike and his family and I can personally attest to his numerous achievements and the countless lives he touched. He was a great American, a leader in our community, and a dedicated husband, father, and friend. I extend my heartfelt condolences to his wife, Mary, to their children, Eva, Danny, Michael, Carol, Sylvia, and Javier; and 14 grandchildren. Although Mike may no longer be with us, he will continue to have a lasting impact on the lives of his family and community.

TRIBUTE TO HONOR THE LIFE OF
THE HONORABLE PHILIP RANDOLPH LEE, M.D.

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 19, 2020

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a highly distinguished American, Dr. Philip Randolph Lee, who was born in Palo Alto, California, and died in New York City on October 27, 2020, at the age of 96.

Dr. Philip Lee was the son of Dorothy Womack Lee and Peter Van Arsdale Lee, a physician who founded what is today, the Palo Alto Medical Foundation. Dr. Lee, his three brothers and sister followed in their father's footsteps, all becoming highly regarded physicians. His nephew Peter Lee, serves as the distinguished and highly effective Executive Director of California's health benefit exchange, Covered California. Medicine, healthcare and public service run deep in the Lee family.

Dr. Lee received his undergraduate and medical degrees at Stanford University. He earned fellowships at the Mayo Clinic and New York University; and a Masters of Science degree from the University of Minnesota. He was a professor at both Stanford and UCSF, and he served our country on active duty and as a member of the United States Naval Reserve from 1943 to 1951, including during the Inchon Invasion in Korea.

Dr. Lee served our nation as Director of Health Services in the Office of Technical Cooperation and Research, part of the Department of State's Agency for International Development, from 1963 to 1965. He was a strong advocate for Medicare, and for this he was vilified by the AMA and others as a socialist.

He served as Assistant Secretary for Health and Scientific Affairs in the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare from 1965 to 1969. During this time, he worked directly with President Johnson and helped implement the newly passed Medicare program, integrating many of the hospitals in our country as mandated by the Medicare legislation.

From 1969 to 1972, Dr. Lee was UCSF's third Chancellor, and founded what became the Philip R. Lee Institute for Health Policy Studies. He worked closely with UCSF's Black Caucus to end unequal pay and other discriminatory practices.

Dr. Lee was Chairman of the Physician Payment Review Commission in Congress from 1986 to 1993 and then served in the Clinton administration as Assistant Secretary for Health in the Department of Health and Human Services, from 1993 to 1997.

Dr. Lee had a profound impact on our country and its healthcare system. He was a friend and beloved mentor to me and hundreds of others, and a wise and compassionate man. He had a sharp wit, a great laugh, and always a twinkle in his bright blue eyes. He will be missed by everyone who had the good fortune to know him, and he will be honored for generations to come for the enormous influence he had on the delivery of medicine in the United States.

Madam Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in honoring the life and work of Philip Randolph Lee, and in extending our condolences to his wife, Dr. Roz Diane Lasker, and his entire family. He was as humble as he was extraordinary. He made us a better and stronger nation and his life and work will sustain us and inspire us for generations to come.

HONORING SOPHIE HOMONOFF AS IOWAN OF THE WEEK

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 19, 2020

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Sophie Homonoff, Director of Education at the Jewish Federation of Greater Des Moines, as our Iowan of the Week for the week of October 2, 2020.

Sophie is a mother, a lifelong teacher, and loves working with children. Originally from Des Moines, Sophie once attended the schools she now leads. When she and her family moved back to the area in 2012, she dedicated herself to volunteering at the Federation and eventually became its leader on their educational efforts. She recognized what a Jewish education had given to her as a kid and wanted to give that experience to others.

Like most educators, Sophie juggles an incredible amount at work. She oversees Gan Shalom Preschool which serves young children from local Jewish and non-Jewish families five days per week. She runs the religious school, Beit Sefer Shalom, for pre-kindergarten through 12th grade students. Sophie's team also offers two summer camps—one for little kids and one catered to school-aged children—so they have somewhere fun, safe, and engaging to spend time outside the classroom. Through their collective efforts, Sophie and her team serve more than 200 children each year.

In addition to schools and camps, Sophie directs several programs to help young Iowans further grow in their faith and foster greater understanding in the community. Nearly eight years ago she launched the Madrichim program, a teenage leadership opportunity for 7th through 12th graders to serve as paid student aids, which grew to two dozen participants last year. Madrichim gain a stronger sense of identity and responsibility, learn as they teach and mentor younger children and those with special needs, and deepen ties within their congregation.

A more recent addition is the Student-to-Student pilot project, where high school stu-

dents from the Federation visit another high school, middle school, or religious institution classroom to educate others about Judaism in a 45-minute session. With same-aged peers speaking to one another about their experiences and asking questions in a safe environment, Sophie has found the program to increase knowledge and awareness while decreasing stereotypes and prejudice. She and her students are working on a video version of the program with Zoom Q&A so it may continue during the pandemic and expand to schools outside of central Iowa.

This year COVID-19 has presented one significant challenge after another for families and schools. Sophie has guided her team through various adaptations in recent months so classroom and extracurricular activities can continue in a safe, effective manner for as many students as possible. They started summer camp online and eventually transitioned the entire program outdoors, rotating participants so kids could gather and play safely. For students engaged in online learning while their parents are at work, the Federation's education staff welcomed them to the facility to help them through the school day. They provide snacks, lunches, and care from teachers to navigate virtual education. When they get breaks the students can play outside and see friends, so they don't feel as isolated. Sophie's team also added an online component to the religious school to make sure no children fell behind. They're providing families balance and security when so much feels uncertain.

I greatly admire people like Sophie who invest so thoughtfully in our children and our communities. Her leadership and hard work are creating strong ties across Des Moines during a time when we all must work together to build a more tolerant, inclusive, and empathetic future for all our neighbors. If you ask her what her focus is, Sophie will tell you it's to follow the Federation's mission of supporting and connecting the community and to make sure everyone is taken care of. You can see that focus in everything she does. Those who know Sophie say she doesn't receive nearly enough recognition for all the hard work she puts in to make the community stronger. It's my honor to celebrate her many contributions and name her our Iowan of the Week.