

Elijah has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Elijah has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Elijah held the rank of Tom Beater in the Tribe of Mico-Say and earned both the National Outdoor Achievement and the World Conservation Award. Elijah has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Elijah led the construction and installation of 4 benches in the Harbor Lake neighborhood. The benches will be utilized as resting spots and scenic areas along the trail system in the neighborhood. Additionally, one bench is a bus stop location for school age kids.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Elijah for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SYLVIA R. GARCIA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2023

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Mr. Speaker, through no fault of my own, my flight from Houston, Texas to Washington, D.C. was significantly delayed on May 11, 2023. The voting time for the evening votes on May 11 closed before I could arrive and cast my vote that evening. I would have voted YEA on both Roll Call No. 203 and Roll Call No. 204 had I been present.

CONGRATULATING DELGROSSO FOODS

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2023

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate DelGrosso Foods as they celebrate the opening of a new food processing and sauce plant in Altoona, Pennsylvania.

DelGrosso Foods has a long history in our Blair County community and has made a rich impact across central Pennsylvania. As the family-owned business continues to expand, this newest plant will produce white sauce, as well as increase production of private label products for major grocery chains and several pasta sauce and salsa brands.

Further, this facility will create over 50 family-sustaining jobs in our area, making it one of the largest single business expansions ever in Blair County.

Small businesses are the backbone of our economy, and I am thankful that DelGrosso Foods can continue to find success and invest in our local community.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District, I congratulate DelGrosso's on this milestone and wish them every continued success.

HONORING DR. FRANK CHONG

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2023

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, along with with Congressman Jared Huffman, to recognize the work of Dr. Frank Chong, the president and superintendent of Santa Rosa Junior College (SRJC), upon his retirement.

Born in New York City, Dr. Chong received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Welfare and Asian American Studies from the University of California, Berkeley before earning his Master in Public Administration degree from Harvard, and his Doctorate in Educational Administration, Leadership and Technology from Dowling College.

Dr. Chong has been committed to public service throughout his career. As special assistant to California Speaker Willie Brown, he developed legislation on higher education, mental health, small and minority business affairs, and local government issues. He later served in executive positions in multiple California colleges including president of Laney College in Oakland and Mission College in Santa Clara. Before his tenure at SRJC, he was appointed deputy assistant secretary for community colleges at the United States Department of Education. While there, Dr. Chong was responsible for shaping President Obama's community college agenda, working on the Trade Adjustment Assistance Act, and developing policies to support the President's college completion goals.

Dr. Chong has secured several key accomplishments at SRJC since the start of his tenure in 2012. He was a prominent leader of the 2014 campaign for Measure H, the largest voter-approved bond in Sonoma County's history. This \$410 million investment in the college has fueled renovation efforts and the implementation of new technologies in SRJC's STEM education centers, sustainability projects, and athletic facilities. In 2020, he also helped drive the campaign for Measure O, a quarter-cent sales tax that has expanded mental health support for SRJC students and the greater population of Sonoma County. Now, under Dr. Chong's leadership, SRJC is nearing completion of its first on-campus student housing in decades which will have 352 new beds. Moreover, this project will reduce 7,575 metric tons of carbon dioxide emissions annually. Currently, SRJC holds the highest acceptance rate among all California community colleges for transfer students applying to University of California campuses.

Dr. Chong is a champion for diversity at SRJC. He is the first Asian-American and first person of color to serve as president and superintendent of the college. Dr. Chong has spearheaded numerous diversity, equity, inclusion, antiracism, and accessibility initiatives. In addition, he oversaw the creation of the new Ethnic Studies department, of more inclusive hiring practices and of the SRJC Intercultural Center. In February 2019, SRJC was listed as one of the nation's "Top 50 Community Colleges for Hispanics" in The Hispanic Outlook on Education magazine.

Dr. Chong is a valuable resource and mentor to many higher education professionals, alumni, and community members. He serves

on boards including the North Bay Leadership Council, the Santa Rosa Metro Chamber, and the Chief Executive Officers Board of the California Community Colleges. In addition, Dr. Chong supports groups like Sonoma County Resilience Collaborative and the Bay Area Higher Education Leadership Council. Dr. Chong is known for his love of golf, food, and wine, as well as his honest, kind, and gregarious nature. He spends his spare time with his wife Lene Jannes and his 2 daughters Mia and Sophia.

Mr. Speaker, it's clear that Dr. Frank Chong has been an excellent steward of the Santa Rosa Junior College and a dedicated community member of Sonoma County. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE LOMBARDO GROUP FOR THEIR COMPLETION OF TOTAL CONTROL TRAINING

HON. JAY OBERNOLTE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2023

Mr. OBERNOLTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Total Control Training, as they are the first motorcycle safety curriculum to be approved by the International Association of Directors of Law Enforcement Standards and Training.

For nearly 2 decades, Total Control Training has operated out of California's 23rd District to provide our state with comprehensive motorcycle training. Their work has led to an unprecedented reduction in the state's motorcycle fatality rate, which has consistently decreased since the organization's new curriculum was implemented in 2014. As the vendor and program manager for the California Motorcyclist Training Program, Total Control Training has rewritten the book on the culture of safety at the state level. Total Control is the single largest provider of advanced motorcycle training in North America, and their mentorship training is widely used by military, state, civilian, and government programs.

The fantastic services they provide to our community have led to formal recognition from the International Association of Directors of Law Enforcement Standards and Trainings. I hope that Total Control Training will continue to provide safety training to our state's many motorcyclists and be an industry leader not only in our High Desert community, but in communities across the state.

RECOGNIZING CITY ENTERPRISE, INC.

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2023

Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to extend my warmest congratulations to Ms. Wonderlyn D. Murphy, President of City Enterprise, Inc. in Springfield, Massachusetts, for her recent honor by the Small Business Administration as the 8(a) Graduate of the Year.

This prestigious award stands as a testament to Ms. Murphy's hard work, unwavering dedication, and a relentless commitment to excellence within the government, municipal, and commercial construction sectors. Under her able leadership, City Enterprise has experienced remarkable growth and made significant contributions to the industry, earning the respect and admiration of our community.

The SBA 8(a) Graduate of the Year award is not just a recognition of City Enterprise's impressive growth, but also an acknowledgment of Ms. Murphy's commitment to social and economic development within the community. The impact of her contributions has been significant and enduring, and her success story serves as an inspiration to other entrepreneurs, motivating them to pursue their dreams with vigor and determination.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my sincerest congratulations to Ms. Murphy on this hard-earned recognition. Her dedication, leadership, and service to her community embodies the very spirit of American entrepreneurship, and I have full confidence that City Enterprise will continue to flourish and reach even greater heights under her leadership.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF MRS. NANCY ORPILLA

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2023

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and lasting contributions of Mrs. Nancy Orpilla, longtime Solano County educator and Vallejo resident. Passing away at 56, Mrs. Orpilla leaves behind an indelible legacy of love, leadership, and service to her community and family.

Born in 1966, in San Luis Obispo, California, Mrs. Orpilla grew up appreciating the natural beauty of California and exploring the outdoors with her parents and two sisters. From a young age, Mrs. Orpilla demonstrated a hardworking and tenacious spirit, graduating with a bachelor's degree in business from California Polytechnic University in 1989. She then began an illustrious career as a Certified Public Accountant and her diligent work brought her around the world, allowing her to explore Los Angeles, Saipan, Hawaii, and San Francisco.

Following her extensive career as an accountant, Mrs. Orpilla's love for her children inspired her to earn her teaching credential and begin serving the youth of her community. For 10 years, Mrs. Orpilla taught 1st grade at Federal Terrace Elementary School in Vallejo. During her tenure as a teacher, she never failed to prioritize the youth of Solano County and ensure all students in her community had the resources necessary to achieve their full potential. Mrs. Orpilla demonstrated a steadfast dedication to the children of her community and was critical in providing a comprehensive early education to hundreds of students.

Mrs. Orpilla appreciated the beauty in every aspect of her life. She was an avid explorer of the outdoors, never forgoing an opportunity to enjoy California's natural environment. From hiking outdoors with her husband to embarking on cross-country camping adventures with her children, Mrs. Orpilla recognized the importance of our country's natural lands.

Mrs. Orpilla will be remembered not only for her years of service to Solano County, but also for her genuine spirit of kindness and compassion. Her willingness to lend an ear and a helping hand to anyone in need earned her the widespread respect and gratitude of her community. Mrs. Orpilla impacted the lives of countless students and educators in her community and her steadfast leadership, constant smile, and patient mentorship undeniably enhanced the lives of her fellow Solano County residents.

Mrs. Orpilla's enduring spirit will live on in her loving husband and 2 children. I would like to extend my deepest sympathies to Mrs. Orpilla's loved ones. I know that they, along with the people of Solano County, join me in celebrating her life and legacy.

HONORING THE LANCASTER LIONS
CLUB

HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2023

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Lancaster Lions Club, which is celebrating their 100th Anniversary this year.

The Lancaster Lions Club received their charter on March 31, 1923. Over the past century, much has changed, but their mission of serving the community has remained the same.

Since 2000, the club has raised and donated over \$250,000 to more than fifty local organizations, including those that support the blind, those with childhood cancer, and organizations supporting the homeless.

Every month, for the past 10 years, the Lancaster Lions Club has assembled to clean the Conestoga Greenway Trail, supporting our environment and ensuring those utilizing the trail are able to appreciate nature and the beauty of the Conestoga River.

Mr. Speaker, we give thanks to service organizations like the Lancaster Lions Club, who truly make a difference in their community.

We congratulate and thank the Lancaster Lions Club for 100 years of service to our community and wish them continued success in all their endeavors.

HONORING THE RECIPIENTS OF
THE AGING TOGETHER 5 OVER 50
AWARDS

HON. ABIGAIL DAVIS SPANBERGER

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2023

Ms. SPANBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the recipients of Aging Together's 5 Over 50 Awards on May 17, 2023.

For years, Aging Together has worked tirelessly to coordinate care and services for our senior population and provide a valuable resource to our shared constituencies. For the past ten years, Aging Together has hosted the 5 Over 50 celebration to award five individuals from the region who exemplify the mission of their organization. Each recipient of this award has gone above and beyond in their commu-

nity, dedicating their time to their neighbors, and has made lasting impacts in the lives of many.

Today we recognize the five recipients of this honor: Mr. Perry Smiley of Culpeper, Mrs. Darlene Kelly of Fauquier, Mr. Scott Bennett of Madison, Mr. Lee Frame of Orange, and Mrs. Barbara Adolphi of Rappahannock.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating these five awardees of Aging Together's 5 Over 50 Award and recognizing these individuals for their lasting impact that they have made on their communities.

DEDICATION OF THE LILLIAN G.
BURRY WOMEN'S WING

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2023

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, this week in my district in New Jersey, veterans, leaders and local officials will be dedicating the Women's Wing at the Gordon H. Mansfield Veterans Community in Tinton Falls—and will be appropriately naming it in honor of my good friend and extraordinary public servant, Monmouth County Commissioner Lillian G. Burry.

For more than a decade, Commissioner Burry has been the quarterback in the push to meet the compelling housing and service needs of homeless veterans in our community.

When Lillian and I first heard of and met with John Downing of Soldier On more than ten years ago, we decided that's what we need in Monmouth County.

We quickly discovered that Soldier On created world-class housing opportunities coupled with vital services for homeless veterans, and the impact has been enormous and life changing.

In July 2012, we secured a million-dollar grant to Soldier On to provide housing assistance and stability to our veterans so that they could remain in their homes even when times are difficult.

Although there were many setbacks along the way—including an inability to secure space at Fort Monmouth—Lillian never quit and helped lead the way through some of the toughest road blocks. Ultimately, Lillian's dream of creating a homeless veterans housing initiative in Monmouth County became a reality in 2021 with the grand opening of the Gordon H. Mansfield Veterans Village.

Set on a six-acre village-like setting, this amazing community offers a wide-range of supportive services, general wellness, health and social opportunities in addition to permanent housing for those who have courageously stepped up to serve our great nation and have put their lives on the line to defend our fundamental freedoms.

This state-of-the-art complex for homeless veterans that provides 70 fully furnished one-bedroom apartments—including its special wing reserved for women—would not have been possible without Lillian's tenacity and skill in making it happen.

As a devoted military wife to U.S. Coast Guard Captain Don Burry for over 65 years, Lillian has long known firsthand the tremendous sacrifices made by our nation's service members and their loved ones.