

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING SHERRI SAGER

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 2, 2024

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the many contributions of Sherri Sager, SVP and Chief Government Relations Officer at Stanford Medicine's Lucile Packard Children's Hospital (LPCH) at Stanford. After over 29 years of outstanding service with LPCH, Sherri has retired. Our community is grateful to her for her many years of advocacy and dedication to making our government's healthcare system work better for our most vulnerable patients and their families.

During her time at LPCH, Sherri organized and managed the government relations program, monitored proposed laws and public policy that could impact the Hospital, and oversaw the community partnerships and volunteer services departments. She served on numerous nonprofit boards and statewide task forces and was recognized for her knowledge of public policy, especially related to healthcare, organizing ability, and political acumen. Sherri believed that we could work to keep kids from having to come to the hospital in the first place by investing in improving the health of all children in the community.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize and commend Sherri Sager for her commitment to helping improve healthcare access for low-income women and children in our community. Sherri will be missed in her retirement,

and we wish her the best in this new phase of life.

RECOGNIZING MR. GLENN E. DENTON, JR.

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

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Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. Glenn E. Denton, Jr., who passed away on November 25, 2023. He was 73 years old.

Mr. Denton was born in Rushville, Nebraska to Glenn and Joyce Denton. He was one of nine children. From an early age, Mr. Denton learned the value of hard work and perseverance, having grown up working on his family's ranch. After his high school graduation in 1968, Mr. Denton enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, following in the footsteps of his grandfather, who served in the Civil War, and father, who served during World War II. In 1969, while on a mission to recover the remains of fallen Marines in Vietnam, Mr. Denton, along with seven of his comrades in the 1st Marine Division, made a promise to each other to share the stories of the Marines who lost their lives—all while sharing Kool-Aid together. From that day on, the eight Marines became known as the Kool-Aid Kids. After his service, Mr. Denton moved to Bakersfield, where he became a recruiter for the Marine Corps. Soon after his move, Mr. Denton acquired a 10-acre parcel of land, which was

first used by his fellow Marines as a place to gather. During this time, he remained steadfast in his commitment to preserving the legacy of his fellow servicemembers who lost their lives during the war.

In 1978, the Kool-Aid Kids' mission inspired him to start Camp Hamilton Veterans Memorial on his parcel, a nonprofit dedicated to honoring service men and women from all branches of the military. Mr. Denton named the memorial after his brother in arms, Leonard Hamilton. Today, Camp Hamilton has planted more than 339 trees to honor servicemembers who lost their lives during or as a consequence of war. With the help of the Memorial's dedicated volunteers, Camp Hamilton has become a place where servicemembers, veterans, families, and loved ones come together to celebrate the sacrifice and bravery of the Marines, airmen, soldiers, and sailors from across the Central Valley.

After a career spanning nearly thirty years, Mr. Denton retired in 1995 as a Master Gunnery Sergeant. He was a highly decorated Marine, having been awarded a prestigious Purple Heart medal to honor his bravery and sacrifice during the Vietnam War. Mr. Denton is survived by his siblings, children, and his loving wife, Esther. Mr. Denton's service to our country, commitment to his family, and dedication to the Bakersfield community will forever be remembered.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all of my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in honoring the incredible life of Mr. Glenn E. Denton, Jr.

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