

event to honor her grandmother, who she credits with nurturing her own love of reading. I also congratulate the sponsors who make this event possible, including my long-time colleague, L.A. County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas; the City of Los Angeles and its Department of Cultural Affairs; and Capri Capital Partners of the Baldwin Hills Crenshaw Plaza. Event board members and honorary chairpersons Dr. Bernard and Mrs. Shirley Kinsey have worked to take the book fair to new heights with their leadership and resources.

I would also like to honor all of the volunteers who spend hours preparing the panels, booths, presentations, awards, and more, and who keep everything running smoothly. Without them it would not be possible to sustain this event for ten years and beyond. I would further like to thank the authors, playwrights, screenwriters, journalists, performers and others who provide the substance of the event and make it a thrill to attend each year.

For a decade now, the Leimert Park Village Book Fair has brought attendees together from all over the city to enjoy one of the historic cultural cores of the African American community in L.A., and to find inspiration to read, write, listen, and learn. I wish them many more decades of success.

HONORING JOHN DAHL

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the former Mayor of Eagle Nest, New Mexico and my dear friend, John Dahl. John represented the best of our great State of New Mexico: he was a loving father, grandfather and great-grandfather, a loyal friend to many, a brilliant, hard-working and talented United States Army officer, businessman, and public servant.

John was born in Okmulgee, Oklahoma on July 30, 1933, to John and Ellen Dahl. While at Okmulgee High School, he won the Amateur Athletic Union Junior Olympic Track Title and earned a five-year athletic scholarship to the University of Oklahoma. As an undergraduate, he helped the track team become one of the elite teams in the country. In his freshman year John enrolled in the Reserve Officers Training Corps program, and in 1957 he graduated as the most distinguished military graduate out of a ROTC class of 200.

After college, John served for 22 years in the military and received over a dozen medals. In 1972, while a lieutenant colonel, the pentagon handpicked John to oversee a notorious Vietnamese prisoner of war camp located on the island of Phu Quoc. The camp held 33,000 POW's and was infamous for human rights abuses. John was tasked to end these inhumane practices and ensure the proper treatment of the POW's. His improvement of the camp's conditions and practices was instrumental in the passage of the Paris Peace Treaty and saved countless human lives. For his accomplishment he was awarded the prestigious Legion of Merits decoration.

John married his wife Kay in 1978, and after retiring from the army he moved to Eagle Nest, New Mexico. There, he built multiple local businesses and garnered a reputation as

one of the best sole proprietors in the region. In 1990, the Governor of Oklahoma asked John to serve as the state's Director of Civil Emergency Management. Just as in Vietnam, John demonstrated a deep respect for human life by improving and distributing new disaster plans to all 77 Oklahoma counties. By ensuring the implementation of the disaster plan and visiting each county personally, John and his team managed to avoid tornado fatalities that year.

After returning to Eagle Nest, John lost his eyesight after years of exposure to Agent Orange while serving in Vietnam. However, his determination never faltered and he was elected twice as the town's mayor. I met John during his tenure as mayor, and I had the privilege to work with him when I was Secretary of Aging and Long Term Services. John was a determined advocate for improving health care access and quality of care in his community and across our state.

On May 14, 2016 John Dahl passed away at the age of 83. Surviving him is his wife Kay, two sons, daughter, six grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

John was a true friend and inspiring colleague who contributed to the betterment of our community, country, and world. His memory and legacy is a blessing to us all.

TRIBUTE TO DAWN MARTINEZ OROPEZA

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize al Exito Executive Director Dawn Martinez Oropeza for being named a 2016 Women of Influence honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

For 17 years, the Business Record has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of women who have made a significant difference in business, civic and philanthropic endeavors throughout the Greater Des Moines Area. Ms. Martinez Oropeza has devoted her life to confronting challenges which many others might avoid. She has spent countless hours on various boards while blazing a trail for others to follow. She was selected for the chosen field of expertise, the lasting impact on the community, involvement with civic or non-profit organizations and being seen as a role model because of her lofty achievements and high ethical standards.

Dawn Martinez Oropeza has the determination and drive to be successful in anything she does, and her exemplary work with her leadership for Latinas/Latinos al Exito, a non-profit organization which recruits students who need supportive relationships and programming to motivate them to succeed in high school and college. In all aspects of her life, Dawn Martinez Oropeza is an example of hard work and service who makes Iowans proud.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Dawn Martinez Oropeza in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud her for utilizing her talents to better both her community and the great state of Iowa. I invite my col-

leagues in the House to join me in congratulating Dawn Martinez Oropeza on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and wishing Ms. Martinez Oropeza a long and successful career.

IN RECOGNITION OF PATRICK HENRY COLLEGE'S WORLD HUMAN RIGHTS MOOT COURT TITLE

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge two students of Purcellville's Patrick Henry College for their incredible determination in winning the Nelson Mandela World Human Rights Moot Court Competition. Already owning nine of the past twelve American Moot Court Association National Championships, the students of Patrick Henry College were pitted against some of the world's best debaters this year in Geneva, Switzerland.

William Bock and Helaina Hirsch, both rising juniors at Patrick Henry College, competed against some of the best law students in the world to capture this prestigious title. Coached by Patrick Henry College Chancellor Michael Farris, William and Helaina beat a team of law students from Moi University in Kenya in the final round to be crowned world champions. To top off their incredible journey, William and Helaina were awarded the first and second place Oralist Honors at the Nelson Mandela World Human Rights Moot Court Competition.

Education is the cornerstone of American innovation and these students are championing their generation towards greater success. It is my hope that additional students will follow the standard of academic excellence set by William and Helaina. I encourage other students throughout our great Commonwealth to follow their example and strive to make a difference both at home and abroad.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask my colleagues to join me in applauding William Bock and Helaina Hirsch at Patrick Henry College for their incredible journey. I commend them on their accomplishments, and wish them all continued success in the future.

TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL K. WOO UPON THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HOLLYWOOD FARMERS' MARKET

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Michael K. Woo and to recognize his co-founding of the Hollywood Farmers' Market in Los Angeles, California, which is celebrating its twenty-fifth anniversary.

Born in 1951, Michael grew up with his four siblings in Monterey Park, California. His parents, Wilbur and Beth Woo, and his grandfather, David Kitman Woo, ran a produce business in Los Angeles until the 1960's, when his father joined Cathay Bank, the first Chinese-

American bank in the Southern California area. While in high school, Michael attended a program for gifted students at California State University, Los Angeles, and then went on to receive his BA in Politics and Urban Studies from the University of California, Santa Cruz, and his Master of City Planning degree from the University of California, Berkeley.

A leader in the Los Angeles area, Michael was a Los Angeles City Planning Commissioner and served on the Los Angeles City Council for eight years, becoming the first Asian American elected to the council. During his tenure on the city council, where he represented the Hollywood area, he was in the forefront of the Hollywood Redevelopment Plan, made decisions on numerous development proposals and neighborhood debates, and was a leader in the movement for a leadership change in the Los Angeles Police Department in the early 1990's.

Since his parents and grandfather ran a produce business for many years, it is not surprising that one of Mr. Woo's major accomplishments while he served on the council was the co-founding of the Hollywood Farmers' Market twenty-five years ago. Various constituencies had worked together to improve the quality of neighborhood life for Hollywood residents and business owners, and out of those efforts, then-City Councilmember Woo proposed the idea of a farmers' market. The objectives were to create a secure, weekly community event, a sales venue for small local farmers, artisans, and food purveyors, and to benefit local neighborhood businesses; and in May of 1991, the Hollywood Farmers' Market opened and was an immediate success. Now in its twenty-fifth year, the market offers not only food products, but also live music, activities for children, and renowned authors' book-signings, and is a lively, fun community meeting place. The Hollywood Farmers' Market is under the umbrella of the Sustainable Economic Enterprises of Los Angeles, better known as SEE-LA, which also produces other Certified Farmers' Markets, focusing on supplying fresh food to low-income neighborhoods.

Along with chairing the Board of SEE-LA, Mr. Woo is Dean of Environmental Design at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona.

I ask all Members to join me in recognizing Michael K. Woo, an invaluable asset to the greater Los Angeles community, and add our congratulations to the Hollywood Farmers' Market upon its twenty-fifth anniversary.

HONORING MS. SUZANNE MORGAN

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Suzanne Morgan, who is being honored today by the Napa County Office of Education as a 2017 Napa County Teacher of the Year.

A native of Napa, California, Ms. Morgan always knew she wanted to be a teacher. She completed her Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies at Chico State University before beginning her career in teaching, throughout which she has always looked for opportunities to work with children living in poverty.

Ms. Morgan has spent three decades teaching elementary school students, and currently teaches 4th grade at Shearer Elementary School in Napa, California. Her teaching style encourages students to build relationships and creates a sense of community in her classroom. Ms. Morgan spends time with each of her students, listening to their concerns and making sure they know that someone believes in their potential.

In addition to her work in the classroom, Ms. Morgan is the President of Days for Girls, a relief organization that supports education for girls in developing countries. She brings her passion for supporting learning abroad to her own classroom by organizing fundraisers with her students for school uniforms for students abroad.

Mr. Speaker, Ms. Morgan has dedicated three decades of her teaching career to educating and empowering young children, and her kindness and enthusiasm have had a tremendous impact in many students' lives. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor her here today.

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE DISPLAYING THE FLAG IN HONOR OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA MAYORS ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the Displaying the Flag in Honor of District of Columbia Mayors Act, a bill that would make a small—but significant to the nearly 700,000 residents of D.C.—change to federal law by adding the Mayor of the District of Columbia to the list of principals for whom the president can order the flags be flown at half-staff. Current law states that the president shall make this order “upon the death of principal figures of the United States Government and the Governor of a State, territory, or possession, as a mark of respect to their memory.” Surely the death of a current or former D.C. mayor should qualify as a principal. My bill would add D.C. mayors, who have many of the same responsibilities as state and territory governors, to the current list of officials.

Congress already understands that the District of Columbia deserves a place among the states for certain honors, and this minor addition is not as great as others Congress has already recognized. We have already won congressional recognition of the District of Columbia in situations where the city was overlooked while honoring the states. For example, our legislation ensured that the District of Columbia War Memorial honored only District residents who served in World War I and that D.C.'s Frederick Douglass statue sits in the Capitol alongside statues from the 50 states. I also successfully worked with the U.S. Postal Service to create a D.C. stamp, like the stamps for the 50 states, and worked with the National Park Service to add the D.C. flag alongside the state flags across from Union Station.

Legislation was also enacted to give D.C. a coin after it was omitted from legislation creating coins for the 50 states. Additionally, the flag of the District is displayed among the

flags of the fifty states in the tunnel connecting the House office buildings to the Capitol, and legislation was needed to require the armed services to display the District flag whenever the flags of the states are displayed. My bill to add the mayor to the list of principals is a continuation of my efforts to ensure that the District of Columbia receives fair treatment, even when we have no vote on the House floor and no representation in the Senate.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF VICENTE D. “BEN” ADA

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of the late Guam Senator and businessman, Vicente D. “Ben” Ada. Ben Ada was a proud son of Guam, faithful public servant and successful businessman. Ben was born on January 24, 1932 and passed away on Sunday, August 28, 2016 at the age of 84.

Ben was the son of the late Vicente Cepeda Ada and Dolores de LeonGuerrero Diaz Ada and married to the late Teresita Gutierrez Borja Ada for 57 years. He was a member of our island's greatest generation and served in the U.S. Air Force as a B52 Bomber mechanic 1957 until 1964. Ben was also a Veteran of the Korean War Era. After serving in the Air Force, Ben became the General Manager of the Pioneer Shop and was an Insurance Underwriter from 1964 until 1967. In 1966, Ben and his wife Teresita opened Ada's Insurance and also became the distributor of Daihatsu vehicles in Guam.

In 1971, Ben was elected as a senator to the Guam Legislature. He served the people for Guam faithfully for four terms in the 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th Guam Legislatures. Ben was dedicated to improving our island community for all by expanding infrastructure coverage and providing funding for resources throughout Guam's villages.

In 1972, Ben opened a family business, Pacific Funeral Home which became Ada's Funeral Home in 1992. The family business has served the people of Guam for 45 years. Ben and Ada's Funeral Home was awarded the 2011 U.S. Small Business Administration's Jeffrey Butland Family-Owned Small Business Award.

In addition to his life in business and public service, Ben also found time to volunteer in the community. He served as the Scout Master for Boy Scouts of America Troop 17 during which he composed the official Troop 17 song, “We are the Boys of 17.” He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, Pale San Vitores Council 05666. Ben was also a generous benefactor of many religious orders, such as the Carmelite Monastery of Guam and the St. Fideles Capuchin Friary. Ben gave his time and talents freely to many causes. He played an instrumental role in preparing for the historic visit of Pope Jon Paul the II to Guam in 1981.

I will always remember Ben for helping countless families on Guam as a public servant in the Guam Legislature and as the owner of Ada's Funeral Home. His work ethic was