

to carry this his Packer Nation far  
 To make them The Super Bowl Champs that  
 they are  
 Going Farve  
 Going Deep  
 armed with his Mississippi Magic which was  
 so hard to beat  
 This Southern Man with his Father's Love  
 stayed strong to ever compete  
 To the top of the NFL's game with his ac-  
 tions did speak  
 Brett, welcome to The Hall of Fame where  
 only the greatest of greats history  
 speaks  
 Because Brett upon those fields of green you  
 went Farve every week,  
 as you went deep armed with your Mis-  
 sissippi Magic to compete  
 And Brett,  
 you were the kind of man Lombardi would  
 seek  
 With the heart and soul of a champion and  
 that Mississippi Magic so very sweet.

CANDY HOWARD NAMED  
 PRESIDENT-ELECT OF TEPSA

**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2016*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Candy Howard of Pearland, TX for being named president-elect of the Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association (TEPSA).

Candy will serve as Region 4 president-elect for TEPSA, representing Pasadena ISD principals. She is currently the principal at South Belt Elementary School and was named Pasadena ISD's Elementary Principal of the Year in 2016. Throughout her 32 years with the Pasadena ISD, Candy has gone from teacher to assistant principal to becoming principal in 2009. She continues to inspire and educate her students and staff.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Candy Howard for becoming president-elect of TEPSA. We're proud to have such a great leader and educator in Pearland.

TO RECOGNIZE AND PAY TRIBUTE  
 TO DR. TAN SIU LIN FOR HIS  
 GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS AND  
 COMMUNITY SERVICE TO THE  
 NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

**HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO  
 SABLAN**

OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS  
 IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2016*

Mr. SABLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to Dr. Tan Siu Lin for his great achievements and community service to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Dr. Tan Siu Lin is a self-made entrepreneur who was born in Quanzhou in China's Fujian Province in 1930;

In 1972, Dr. Tan moved to Guam with his wife, Lam Pek Kim and their children: Henry, Willie, Jerry, Raymond, Lily and Sunny, and established the family business Luen Thai Corporation, engaged in shipping and trading;

In 1982 he moved to Saipan, and set up the island's first garment factory in 1983. Since then, the garment business became the largest private sector employer in the CNMI. In 1991, he formed Tan Holdings Corporation in the CNMI that further grew to become a global business portfolio with staff of more than 45,000 in various diversified companies;

He founded within the group of companies, Luen Thai Holdings Ltd. which is listed in the Hong Kong Stock Exchange since July 2004;

In 2002, he formed the Tan Siu Lin Foundation for his philanthropy works in the CNMI, as he repeatedly reminded his family that "I want to provide educational and sports opportunities for the underprivileged so they can help themselves become productive and responsible citizens and in turn, they can then help others who need help as I hope the good deed can be passed on so that the community will benefit." Dr. Tan with his noble commitment to uplift the quality of life in the CNMI and through his foundation, kindly contributed to the CNMI, its people, its community and its businesses with generous sponsorships and donations for school improvements, scholarships, sports activities and tournaments, cultural events, youth development programs, social welfare, and relief work;

Please join me as I recognize and pay tribute to the great achievements and community service of Dr. Tan Siu Lin. Un Dangkulo Na Si Yu'us Manse Dr. Tan for your exceptional commitment to the Northern Marianas and the Micronesia Region.

RECOGNIZING CHRIS JOHNSON AS  
 THE HURLBURT AIR FORCE AS-  
 SOCIATION CHAPTER 398 MIDDLE  
 SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR  
 2016

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2016*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize Mr. Chris Johnson as the Hurlburt Air Force Association (AFA) Chapter 398 Middle School Teacher of the Year for 2016. Mr. Johnson was selected for all that he does to motivate and inspire his students to learn more about science, technology, engineering, art, and math (STEAM) education; I am pleased to honor his outstanding educational achievements.

As an educator at Sims Middle School, Mr. Johnson strives to make lasting impressions on his students. During his three years at Sims Middle, he has created an innovative learning environment that captivates his students, motivating them to learn, build, test, and rebuild projects as they utilize the scientific method to meet their goals. These important life lessons allow his students to understand and put into practice key concepts for their continued success. His dedicated service to shaping the minds of our Nation's youth is invaluable.

In order to foster an innovative learning experience, Mr. Johnson provides his students with loose parameters for their experiments, forcing them to think outside the box to solve the problem at hand. His classroom is known throughout Sims Middle school for being exciting and engaging. He guides his students

through interactive science experiments that reinforce educational concepts and deepen their curiosity to learn.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States House of Representatives I am pleased to congratulate Mr. Johnson on this well-earned achievement, and I thank him for his commitment to service and dedication to the Northwest Florida community. My wife Vicki joins me in wishing Mr. Johnson all the best for continued success.

ALL WE HOLD DEAR: IN HONOR OF  
 VETERAN'S DAY AND ALL THE  
 MEN AND WOMEN OF THE  
 ARMED FORCES AND THEIR  
 FAMILIES

**HON. PETE SESSIONS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2016*

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of all of the men and women of The Armed Forces and their families who have served and serve this day, with a poetic tribute by Albert Carey Caswell.

All we hold dear  
 On this day to all hearts beckons here  
 In this home of the brave and land of the free  
 so very clear  
 The most blessed gift of freedom that we all  
 so endear  
 Letting us live our lives in peace so all with-  
 out fear

While, they stand on that wall  
 While, they answer the call  
 Marching out into harm's way standing tall  
 As we stand back in awe  
 Living and dying for us one and all  
 And all they hold dear  
 When, in hearts of gold such brilliance ap-  
 pears

Kneeling next to a Fallen Brother or Sister  
 In Arms as comes the tears  
 As half a world away a child in the still of  
 the night cries out in tears  
 As they give all for all of us here  
 and all they hold dear

When such magnificence appears  
 Are the ones who come home with such  
 heartache they own  
 With the scars of war which will not leave  
 them alone  
 Stand without arms and legs all in a PTS  
 haze

Thank them today while out on your way  
 Take the time to thank them of all you hold  
 dear

Bought and paid for by all of them so here  
 And their service to our Nation which brings  
 the angels to tears

For all we hold dear  
 Say prayer, give thanks, and shed a tear to  
 The Armed Forces and their families  
 here

For all you hold dear  
 On this Veteran's Day here.

HONORING CHOCO GONZALEZ  
 MEZA

**HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2016*

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Choco

Gonzalez Meza, a beloved mother, grandmother, and friend who changed the face of Texas politics. Choco was a fierce champion for women in public service and a force in the Texas Democratic Party. Her recent passing is a tremendous loss not only for her family, but for so many throughout Texas and the nation whose lives she touched.

Born in Coahuila, Mexico, Choco and her family immigrated to the United States when she was just three years old and settled in Eagle Pass, Texas. She came to San Antonio when she attended St. Mary's University. Choco began effecting meaningful change as a student, when she and my mother, Rosie, helped draft the 10-1 single member district plan adopted in 1977. The skill and initiative she showed led to her being recruited by the Southwest Voter Registration Education Project, where she helped disenfranchised minorities exercise their right to vote.

Throughout her career, Choco sought to empower others. As Executive Director of the YWCA, she steered women and girls towards success. She elevated the national conversation around poverty as Executive Director of Partnership for Hope. And she pushed to reform public housing and reduce homelessness when she joined her friend Henry G. Cisneros at the Department of Housing and Urban Development as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Intergovernmental Relations and the Liaison to the White House in the Clinton Administration. She continued that work when she returned to San Antonio and became Senior Vice President at the San Antonio Housing Authority. Later, Choco served as President of American Sunrise, a nonprofit that provides educational and economic opportunities for children and families. She founded her own consulting firm, and in 2011, President Barack Obama appointed her to serve as a Commissioner to The Commission on Presidential Scholars.

Choco's unparalleled passion for organizing made her an invaluable asset to the Democratic Party. She served on the Democratic National Committee, was chief of staff for District 5 Councilwoman Shirley Gonzalez, and was elected Bexar County Democratic Chair. Most recently, Choco led Hillary Clinton's campaign operations in San Antonio. In all her political work, Choco tirelessly fought for social justice and strove to create opportunity for marginalized groups.

Choco's spirit lives on through her family—her beloved husband Daniel, daughter Ivalis, granddaughter Emma, and son Danny, who is a trusted member of my staff. Choco was truly a historic figure in Texas politics and a compassionate, selfless soul. We mourn her passing and are grateful for all she gave to our community in San Antonio and to our nation's democracy.

HONORING MRS. HILDA GIRTMAN  
PITTS

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2016*

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Hilda Girtman Pitts, a lifelong resident of Boynton Beach, Florida, who passed at the age of 102 on August 20, 2016. Born in 1913, Mrs. Pitts spent her childhood on 2.5

acres of farmland off the Federal Highway near Boynton Beach.

At the age of 21, she married Soloman Pitts at the St. Paul A.M.E. Church in the city of Boynton Beach, and built their first home on 12th Avenue in-town. After many years of marriage, Mrs. Pitts had eight children, nine grandchildren, as well as many great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren. Mrs. Pitts became a "Gold Star Mother" when her son, Cleveland Pitts, made the ultimate sacrifice in the Vietnam War.

Mrs. Pitts was also an entrepreneur. She opened an antique store, known as "Mrs. Hilda's," which sold American-made, handcrafted furniture and home goods. The antique store stands to this day on East Ocean Avenue in Boynton Beach as a memorial to Mrs. Pitts' legacy.

Throughout her life, Mrs. Pitts has been a very religious woman and was heavily involved in the church community in Boynton Beach. She attended the African Methodist Episcopal Church from an early age. She followed her children to the New Christian Life Church in 1984, where she became a dynamic and regular churchgoer.

Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Hilda Girtman Pitts will be remembered through her family, her friends, and all the many people she touched in her 102 years of life. She was truly a shining star of the Boynton Beach community. I am so pleased to honor her life and legacy. She will be dearly missed.

IN RECOGNITION OF MRS. BRENDA  
VAUGHN

HON. MARK MEADOWS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2016*

Mr. MEADOWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Brenda Vaughn of McDowell County, North Carolina. On behalf of the people of Western North Carolina, I would like to thank Mrs. Vaughn for over 35 years of service to our communities and congratulate her on her retirement this year.

Brenda Vaughn began her service with the McDowell County Sheriff's Department in 1980 as a dispatcher. She then served as cook at the Sheriff Jail Kitchen until she became a Jailer in October of 1998. After two years in that role, she became an Administrative Assistant then moved up within the Department to Shift Sergeant and later Assistant Jail Administrator. In 2013, Mrs. Vaughn was promoted to Jail Administrator. Mrs. Vaughn has dutifully served the community in this capacity for the last three years.

Outside of work, Mrs. Vaughn continues to be an active member of many community organizations. She is a member of Nealsville Church of God in Glenwood, where she is part of the Ladies Auxiliary. She is also a leader outside of her church, serving as treasurer for the Charles W. Queen Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 84 in McDowell County; as President of the McDowell County Republican Women's Club; and as the Secretary of the McDowell County Republican Party. She and her husband Bobby have two sons and three grandchildren.

Mrs. Vaughn has earned the respect and friendship of the people of McDowell County

through her hard work and wide-ranging involvement in her community. For her service to Western North Carolina, I am honored to express to Mrs. Vaughn the gratitude and best wishes of the people of North Carolina on her retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF POST 8358 ON  
ITS 70TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2016*

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Chung Mei Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8358 as it celebrates its 70th anniversary. As the members of Post 8358 mark this momentous occasion, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring them for their long history of service to veterans and the community in Sacramento.

Chung Mei Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8358 was formed on October 19, 1946 by returning Chinese-American veterans from Sacramento. Due to the prevailing prejudiced attitudes of the time, the Chung Mei veterans had no choice but to form their own exclusive VFW Post. Post 8538 is an active and valued member of the Sacramento community, which I represent. For instance, the Chung Mei Post 8358 proudly sponsors the Sacramento Lion Dance Youth Troupe, which helps foster civic responsibility and keeps the traditions of Asian cultures alive for current and future generations. Post 8538 contributes greatly to the diversity and multiplicity of cultures in the Sacramento region, which is one of the most diverse in the entire country.

Post 8358 members are decorated veterans who participate in local parades, staff community events, and host several fundraising drives that provide funds for programs that benefit veterans and their families. Several of the founding members of Post 8358 are amongst the many who are celebrating today. Post 8358 continues to promote services for veterans, cultural acceptance, and civic participation in Sacramento.

Mr. Speaker, as the members of Post 8358 celebrate its 70th anniversary, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring them for their service to our country and to the Sacramento area.

HONORING GEORGE POU MAKIS

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2016*

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor George Poumakis, a highly-successful entrepreneur and distinguished member of the Greek community in my district.

Mr. Poumakis was recently recognized by the Federation of Hellenic American Educators and the Greek Teacher Association of Florida for the being the pioneer and founder of the first Greek immersion charter school in the United States—the Athenian Academy. Today, the Athenian Academy is recognized by the Florida Department of Education as a High Performing School—receiving an "A" grade—