

with the community and future generations. He founded "Science Superstars" to engage children and encourage a passion for learning, and "Bios, a School on Wheels" to help students explore various scientific research centers and programs across Texas. Under his leadership, these educational programs have now spread across the nation.

Michael was also a faithful Christian, and attended the First United Methodist Church in Orange. My prayers and condolences go out to Michael's loving wife, Sandra, his daughter Julia, and his son Robert, and his two grandchildren. Michael will be sorely missed in our community, but his passion and legacy will certainly live on.

RECOGNIZING HERO OF THE YEAR,
OFFICER JEFF SCHLEE

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Police Officer Jeff Schlee, who recently was awarded "Hero of the Year" by the Palatine Chamber of Commerce for his work preparing schools, teachers, parents, and the community for a school shooting.

Officer Schlee works with schools in Palatine, IL and has consulted with numerous suburbs in the Chicagoland area and across the country to prepare them for the possibility of a school shooting. Officer Schlee has been a school safety officer for ten years and has always had a passion for protecting students; however he credits the birth of his children for increasing his dedication to defending school children.

With dedication and persistence, he has studied past school shootings and works alongside his colleagues at the Palatine Police Department to develop response plans which could save student's lives. One of the principles of his plan is having the whole community respond as a unit to make sure everyone is on the same page. Office Schlee believes it is essential to study the tragedies of the past to keep our children safe today and in the future.

Mr. Speaker and my distinguished colleagues in the House, please join me in recognizing Officer Jeff Schlee for the work he has done to help protect students in Palatine and across this great nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUIS V. GUTIÉRREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent in the House chamber for votes on Monday, February 1, 2016. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on roll call vote 46.

HONORING MS. GLORIA FLAHERTY

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Gloria Flaherty, who is retiring from the Lake Family Resource Center after 19 years of service.

Ms. Flaherty's resume of community service is impressive. In addition to being a Founding Director and Executive Director at Lake Family Resource Center, Gloria has held numerous positions and titles within the Lake County community over the past two decades. Among other endeavors, Ms. Flaherty served as President of Kelseyville Sunrise Rotary, Board President of Kelseyville Unified School District, and Commissioner of First 5 Lake County. She has recently served as Chairman of the Lake County Continuum of Care, as a member of the Boards of North Coast Opportunities and Friends of Mendocino College, and as a Board member on the California Partnership to End Domestic Violence. Most recently, Ms. Flaherty has been heavily involved in Lake County fire recovery efforts, working tirelessly to set up a "warming center" to provide shelter and respite for those in need.

In 2015, Ms. Flaherty received the Lake County Childcare Planning Council's Lifetime Achievement Award. She was also named the 2015 Woman of the Year from the Third Congressional District. Ms. Flaherty has consistently demonstrated kindness, compassion and integrity, and has worked for years as a tireless advocate for children and families. The citizens of Lake County have benefitted enormously from her efforts.

Mr. Speaker, Gloria Flaherty has served her community with admirable commitment and resolve. It is fitting and proper that I honor her here today. I wish Gloria Flaherty the best in her retirement.

RECOGNIZING COBWRA ON THEIR
35TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of myself and Mr. DEUTCH to congratulate the Coalition of Boynton West Residential Associations, or COBWRA, for 35 years of diligent work. COBWRA has played an important role in the growth of West Boynton Beach, an area in both our districts.

Since 1982, the officers and members of COBWRA have served as a voice for the residential communities of West Boynton Beach, ensuring that resident's concerns are heard and addressed. COBWRA has played a crucial role in bringing parks, schools, libraries, businesses, and hospitals to the area, while also serving as an advocate and educational source for residents.

We are pleased to recognize COBWRA today for their service and commitment to their community, and look forward to working with them in the future to continue the growth and achievement of West Boynton.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF
JOANN STINGLEY

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of JoAnn Stingley. JoAnn coordinates the social service unit, also known as the victim's assistance unit for the Elgin Police Department.

JoAnn has been a social worker for the Elgin Police Department for more than 24 years. She was hired by former police chief Charles Gruber in 1991 and at the time Elgin was one of the first police departments to hire social workers in Illinois. Since that time she said she has never considered doing anything else but helping others.

JoAnn's salary is on the Elgin police department payroll; however, there is no budget allocation for client related expenses. This means that JoAnn must hold numerous fundraisers a year to support the programs she runs free of charge. These programs include crisis intervention, counseling, legal referrals and referrals for community resources including shelter, mental illness, substance abuse, parenting, and youth anger management courses. Lt. Rick Ciganek, an officer in the Elgin Police Department, was full of praise for JoAnn, stating, "She's truly the unsung hero of the police department. Anybody who comes here and says, 'I need some help,' they get help. JoAnn is incredible. She'll provide services for anybody." JoAnn is truly an inspiring woman and one of the many reasons Elgin is such a great place to work and live.

Mr. Speaker and my distinguished colleagues in the House, please join me in recognizing the service and dedication of JoAnn Stingley.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF LEHIGH CARBON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

HON. CHARLES W. DENT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Mr. DENT. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize the 50th Anniversary of Lehigh Carbon Community College (LCCC). LCCC was founded in 1966 and for 50 years it has delivered quality, affordable two-year degree course programs, certificate and specialized diploma programs to students from Lehigh, Carbon, Schuylkill and other counties.

The College has an enrollment of over 7,100 students and offers more than 90 programs of study.

The Lehigh Valley community has long recognized the outstanding asset we have in Lehigh Carbon Community College. The College gives students a great start for gaining the skills they'll need to find and succeed in decent, good-paying careers and provides the employers of the region with skilled and well-trained workers.

Mr. Speaker, I warmly extend my congratulations to the students, faculty, employees, administrators and alumni of Lehigh Carbon Community College on the happy occasion of

their Semicentennial. Thank you for providing the Lehigh Valley with diverse educational opportunities that provide a firm foundation for solid, fulfilling careers.

HONORING WILLIAM A. MORRIS

HON. DANIEL M. DONOVAN, JR.

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Mr. DONOVAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor William A. Morris for his courageous service to our nation during World War II. As a lifelong resident of Staten Island, New York, he deserves recognition for the dedication to his family, community and country.

William served as a sergeant in the all-black 369th Coast Artillery Regiment and fought on the front line in Germany during a period of segregation. Overcoming the deep racial divisions in society to fight for his country during such momentous historical events like the invasion of Normandy shows his immense courage and loyalty.

It was during this time in Europe that William formed a special bond with a stray dog he met named Trixie. Trixie provided William and the rest of his company not only with an indispensable companion, but, in an astonishing act, also bravely aided in their protection against three German soldiers. Serving as an unofficial mascot for the regiment, Trixie traveled back to Staten Island with William where she quickly fit in as a member of his family.

Upon returning to Staten Island, William's remarkable commitment to giving back has been widely recognized and celebrated. He served as a Boy Scout leader for Troop 47 for 35 years and, along with his wife, ran a food pantry for 30 years. This commitment earned them both the Silver Beaver Award for their distinguishable work in scouting. At 96 years old, William has continued to share his story with his community through an inspiring book written by his daughter Dolores, *The Soldier That Wagged Her Tail*.

Mr. Speaker, William's dedication to our country and his community serves as an inspiring lesson to all. I admire his outstanding sacrifices and I am proud to honor this great resident from New York's 11th Congressional District.

COMMEMORATING ELIZABETH S. TAI'S SERVICE TO POQUOSON, VIRGINIA

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Elizabeth S. Tai. After 36 years, she has retired from the position of Director of the Poquoson Public Library. Under her leadership, Poquoson Public Library was accredited by the Library of Virginia, and started receiving state funding in 1980. During her tenure, Elizabeth S. Tai spearheaded many initiatives which resulted in Poquoson Public Library becoming one of the busiest and most respected libraries in Virginia. I thank her for

her dedication to the Poquoson community and wish her a happy retirement.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 60TH AIR MOBILITY WING

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the activation of the 60th Air Mobility Wing at Travis Air Force Base, in the heart of California's 3rd Congressional District.

On January 8, 1966, what is now The 60th Air Mobility Wing became the host unit at Travis Air Force Base, and its emergence as the principal military airlift hub in the western United States earned Travis the moniker of "Gateway to the Pacific."

The wing is responsible for strategic airlift and air refueling missions around the world and controls more than \$11 billion in total resources. It handles more cargo and passengers than any other military air terminal in the United States.

The 60th Wing has been involved in some of our country's most recognizable military and humanitarian efforts in its 50 years of operation. It was a major participant in Operations Homecoming and Babylift, when Travis Air Force Base became the main intake facility for POW's and refugees coming from Vietnam. It flew 1,280 missions from Travis during Operation Desert Storm. Its planes and personnel provided much needed relief after earthquakes in Mexico City, Armenia, and Haiti. Most recently, the 60th Air Mobility Wing provided airlift and refueling operations in support of Operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom—to support our ongoing global war on terror. These are just a few of the achievements that have earned the wing multiple Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to congratulate the 60th Air Mobility Wing on its 50th Anniversary, and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the extraordinary dedication of the officer, enlisted, and civilian personnel who have served our nation. They have given Travis Air Force Base a renowned past, exciting present, and a very bright future.

TEAM JONNY

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on Christmas Day 2014, 7-year-old Jonny was diagnosed with brain and spinal cancer. On January 2nd, 2016, young Jonny's family laid him to rest.

Roughly 1 in every 300 children in the United States will be diagnosed with some form of cancer before their 20th birthday. Jonny always said: "I don't want any other kid to have cancer."

Jonny's family, with the help of their Representative RODNEY DAVIS, are making sure Congress hears this message. They have also

been joined by Texas State Representative Patrick Fallon. He recently raised money for pediatric cancer by running the World Marathon Challenge, consisting of 7 marathons on 7 continents in 7 days, and he had never run a marathon before. During the races, Fallon carried a photo of Jonny and his brother Jacky in his shoe. In fact, Jacky even ran with him in the U.S. race in Miami, Florida.

I can't think of a better reason to run a marathon. Together, we can beat childhood cancer into the shadows with each step.

And that's just the way it is.

HONORING BRUCE SANDERS ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Bruce Sanders, of Buffalo, New York, on his retirement from the position of Chief of Public Affairs of the Buffalo District of the United States Army Corps of Engineers, and to express gratitude for his forty-one years of devoted service to the United States of America.

In his public affairs role, but also previously in his role as Management Analysis Officer, Mr. Sanders conducted himself with professionalism and dedication in furtherance of the important work of the world's largest public engineering agency. I was not surprised, therefore, when it was conveyed to me that the Buffalo District Commander wrote in Mr. Sanders' final appraisal that Mr. Sanders was "proud of being a public servant; exhibit[ed] pride and complete dedication to the District; [and was] honest and trustworthy; a person of strong character."

Again, I am pleased to congratulate and thank Mr. Sanders on the occasion of his retirement and wish him well in his future endeavors.

CONGRATULATING CAPTAIN BOSWORTH ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE NAVY RESERVES

HON. ANDER CRENSHAW

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Mr. CRENSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the incredible service of Capt. William P. Bosworth, MC USNR (RET). Captain Bosworth served on active duty from Sept. 1953 until Jan. 1958. After attending medical school at the University of Health Sciences in Kansas City, Missouri, he joined the Navy Medical Corps and again served his country with distinction from June 1972 until March 1999.

As an Osteopathic Physician, Dr. Bosworth provided operational medicine and primary care to hundreds of patients at his various duty stations. He retired in 1999 as a Captain but continued to serve the Navy Reserves three to four days per month here at NAS Jacksonville until today. In fact, Bill Bosworth volunteered as a Reserve Medical Officer for