

HONORING ROSE PADILLA JOHNSON AND THE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 10, 2012

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Rose Padilla Johnson, and the Family Resource Center located in San Leandro, California. The Davis Street Family Resource Center provides services to over 20,000 people annually. Rose Johnson has provided outstanding leadership as Executive Director of the Center for the past twenty years.

Rose has transformed Davis Street into one of the most vibrant and comprehensive non-profit providers of human services in Central Alameda County and the Greater San Leandro area.

She began her career working with low income, immigrant families in Alameda County. Her focus on working poor families throughout her career has led her to develop a keen understanding of the problems facing them. Rose's vision, leadership, business and community relationships, and sheer determination have grown Davis Street from the \$380,000 organization of 1994 to the current \$11,000 million dollar agency today.

Davis Street provides childcare services to over 1,000 children monthly and over 4,000 individuals receive food and clothing from the Center. Hundreds of individuals, who are uninsured and underinsured, are seen in the Center's medical and dental clinic and hundreds of others consult with housing and employment specialists, tax specialists, therapists, and counselors who specialize in drug and alcohol prevention.

In October 2002, Rose achieved her personal goal of creating a "one stop shop" in the form of the Davis Street Family Resource Center. All of the agency's programs are in one location, thereby eliminating transportation obstacles for those needing assistance.

Under Rose's advocacy and leadership, Davis Street launched a \$3.5 million Capital Campaign to secure the purchase of Davis Street's 22,000 square foot building. On June 30, 2010, the organization became proud owners of the building.

In addition to her work at Davis Street, Rose is active in the community contributing her time and expertise to the San Leandro Chamber of Commerce, Alameda County Childcare Local Planning Council, the San Leandro Rotary Club and is co-administrator of the RotaCare Free Clinic. She is the recipient of many significant awards and honors.

I join the community in congratulating Rose Padilla Johnson for her 20 years of exemplary commitment and leadership, which have led to the phenomenal success of the Davis Street Family Resource Center.

TRIBUTE TO PETE REIXACH

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize A.J. "Pete" Reixach, Jr. as he retires

from his longtime position as the executive port director for Port Freeport, Texas. Port Freeport is one of the largest ports in my district, and it has been a pleasure to work alongside Mr. Reixach on a number of maritime issues. Pete is very well known in South Texas and the port community not only for his strong commitment to Port Freeport, but also for his efforts to expand international trade throughout the Gulf. He also is very well known for his tremendous contributions to the Brazoria County business community.

I'm happy to announce that Pete will not be retiring from the port business altogether, however. On the contrary, congratulations are in order for his recent promotion to chairman of the American Association of Port Authorities board. With his years of experience, talent, and expertise on a wide variety of issues I am certain Pete will enjoy a very successful tenure as chairman of the AAPA board. I'm also happy to see the Gulf coast represented at the highest level of the AAPA.

Pete has been an integral part of Gulf Coast port operations since his career began in 1970. He started as the assistant manager of the Greece-based Hellenic Lines Ltd. in New Orleans. He later arrived in Houston to become the general manager for Netherlands-based F.A. Voight Inc., before becoming the Texas Gulf Coast port assistant manager in 1985 and then general manager in 1986. In 1988 he finally made his way down to Port Freeport where he has been the executive port director now for over 20 years.

Port Freeport is ranked 16th among U.S. ports in international cargo transport. The landscape extends over 7,500 acres creating promise for future infrastructure and development. Port Freeport serves my district through technological advancement and is one of the leading job creators on the Texas Gulf Coast. Pete understands the importance of economy-enhanced sustainability efforts especially during these tumultuous times.

Not only has Pete been a treasured asset in Port Freeport, but he has also taken an active role on the national level as chairman of the Gulf Ports Association of the Americas and was vice chairman of AAPA Legislative Policy Council. Locally, he has also been involved with the Texas Ports Association and served on the Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce.

The AAPA board has certainly gained a knowledgeable leader to spearhead their international trade efforts. In September, Pete will assume a one year chairmanship during the AAPA's 99th annual convention in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to commemorate this great accomplishment and to wish Pete Reixach all the best as he moves into the next part of his career.

JANELLE JAMISON

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Janelle Jamison for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Janelle Jamison is a 12th grader at Ralston Valley High and received this award because

her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Janelle Jamison is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Janelle Jamison for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

SIX ISSAQUAH POLICE OFFICERS
HONORED IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. REICHERT. Mr. Speaker, September 24 of last year during a beautiful fall afternoon, six police officers in Issaquah, Washington stopped a gunman intent on murdering innocent people. Because of their quick actions and bravery, the officers will be honored Saturday evening at the 19th annual TOP COPS Awards ceremony in Washington, D.C.

On that fateful day last fall, the gunman walked through yards and on sidewalks indiscriminately firing a rifle at homes, businesses, and passersby. Not far away, more than 100 people were watching a youth football game at a local school. Before the players and spectators could find refuge, the six officers put an end to his rampage utilizing the information being relayed via 9-1-1 operators. On that day, as on every day, law enforcement officers saved lives calmly, swiftly and selflessly.

Each year, Mr. Speaker, the National Association of Police Organizations recognizes law enforcement officers from federal, state, county and local agencies for acts of bravery, courage and outstanding service to their communities over the preceding year. I am proud that six of our nation's finest officers—and who serve in the district that I represent—8th of Washington—will be acknowledged with the rest of our heroes during police week.

Mr. Speaker, to Officers Brian Horn, Jesse Petersen, Laura Asbell, Tom Griffith, Corporal Christian Munoz, and Sergeant Chris Wilson, I say "thank you." I will continue to support you and all of our law enforcement professionals around the country.

HONORING STEVE DENSLEY

HON. JASON CHAFFETZ

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CHAFFETZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the service and dedication of Steve Densley, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Utah Valley Chamber of Commerce. He served and guided Utah Valley for over three decades, becoming the second longest sitting Chamber President in Utah history. Steve Densley leaves a tradition of excellence in business and leadership throughout Utah Valley. He has been recognized numerous times