

at El Pueblo Historic Monument, a museum dedicated to showcasing and preserving the history of Mexicans and Mexican-Americans in Los Angeles; the Los Angeles River and San Gabriel River Master Plans, both of which serve as blueprints for “greening” local rivers and their tributaries; and the construction of more than 1,100 new affordable housing units in the First District.

I have known Gloria for many years, and I am honored to salute her as she prepares to retire from elective office. I am pleased to join Gloria’s many friends, family members, associates, admirers, and grateful constituents in wishing her health, happiness, and all the best as she embarks on the next phase of her life.●

#### RECOGNIZING ONCOLOGY NURSES

● Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I wish to congratulate the Columbus Chapter of the Oncology Nursing Society, or CCONS, on a legacy of excellence in oncology nursing and quality cancer care. CCONS’ 25th Annual Spring Conference, “Kaleidoscope of Oncology Care,” will be held on April 3, and in May, during Oncology Nursing Month, the society will celebrate its 30th anniversary. I would like to take a moment to reflect on the work and achievements of this valued organization and to especially recognize CCONS’ president, Bertie Ford, for her leadership.

Since 1984, CCONS has worked to lead the transformation of cancer care. Its members are leaders in their communities and represent the most effective cancer care advocates in their workplaces. These oncology nurses are vital supports of patient-centered interventions, leveraging clinical knowledge and technology every day to provide the highest quality cancer care to patients not only in Columbus but across Ohio.

We are making progress in the fight against cancer. The 5-year survival rate for all cancers among adults is 68 percent—a marked improvement over the mid-1970s when it was 50 percent. But as cancer treatment becomes more complex, the health care system demands higher quality and more efficient care. As Congress works to increase patient access to quality health care, I praise the commitment of CCONS in fostering excellence in oncology nursing and in the care of cancer patients.

My mother passed away in 2009 while in hospice care. I will never forget the nurses who took care of her in such a loving way when they didn’t know her personally until those last few weeks. It made all the difference in the world to her and our family. For that, I always thank nurses and others who care for those in need.

Congratulations to CCONS on its 30th anniversary and for the important work its members do in Ohio’s communities every day.●

#### TRIBUTE TO SHAUN CAREY

● Mr. HELLER. Mr. President, I wish to recognize the service of Sparks City Manager Shaun Carey on the occasion of his retirement. I commend Mr. Carey’s career and offer my sincerest thanks for his years of service to the city of Sparks.

Mr. Carey grew up in Sparks and graduated from Sparks High School in 1975. He started his professional career in 1981 as a civil engineer, working in Arizona, Colorado, and California before returning home to Sparks. In 1992, Mr. Carey was named public works director for the city of Sparks. He was later named assistant city manager in 1999 and then city manager in 2000.

Under Mr. Carey’s stewardship, Sparks has experienced continued growth through the economic challenges of recent years. He has streamlined city services and kept debt the lowest in the region despite economic challenges. Through his management, Sparks remains a full service city and continues to be responsive to its citizens.

Mr. Carey’s leadership was instrumental in the development of the Sparks Marina, and his guidance has been vital in coordinating the local area’s continuing development. Under Mr. Carey’s tenure, Sparks now boasts a whitewater recreation center, a new community center, and one of the largest artificial turf sports complexes in the world. Thanks to Mr. Carey, Sparks has become known as the premier event center for the region and is the fifth largest city in the State.

I offer Mr. Carey my warmest congratulations and hope he enjoys a rich and rewarding retirement, knowing that his years of service will not be forgotten by the grateful residents of Sparks.●

#### TRIBUTE TO DAVID RATCLIFFE

● Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. David Ratcliffe, the former chairman, president, and CEO of Southern Company Energy Solutions, LLC, until his retirement in 2010. He is the very definition of a leader.

On May 2, 2014, Senior Connections, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide essential home and community-based care that maximizes independence, will award David Ratcliffe with its 2014 Community Connections Award. The Community Connection Award was established in 2009 and recognizes older adults who have been and continue to be outstanding business and community leaders and who have given back significantly to the communities in which they live and work. I congratulate David for this award and thank Senior Connections for recognizing his outstanding achievements.

David’s long career is impressive in itself. Prior to his final leadership positions at Southern Company, he served

as president and chief executive officer of Georgia Power Company from June 1999 to January 2004 and also as its chairman and chief executive officer from January 2004 to April 2004. He served as an executive vice president of Southern Company, a subsidiary of Gulf Power Co., from 1999 until 2004. He served as an executive vice president, treasurer, and chief financial officer of Georgia Power Co. from 1998 to 1999. He served as senior vice president, external affairs of Southern Company for 3 years and served as chairman of Georgia Power Co. and director since June 1999. He served as the chairman of the board of Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta and chairman of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce. He also served as the chairman of the board and director at Edison Electric Institute, Inc., and previously served as its vice chairman. Additionally, David has been a director of CSX Corp. since 2003 and SunTrust Banks, Inc., since 2011. He has been a director at CSX Transportation, Inc., for more than 11 years. He serves as a director of GRA Venture Fund, LLC.

David Ratcliffe is a trusted friend and one upon whom I call regularly. A native of Tifton, GA, he continues to support his community, our State, and the world in his retirement through his work on the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce Board, as well as the boards of the National Center for Civil and Human Rights and the Centers for Disease Control Foundation. He serves as a trustee of Georgia Research Alliance, Inc., and Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta, Inc.

David and his wife Cecilia Chandler and their two grown children, Andrew and Elizabeth, deserve our great thanks for their generosity in so many areas.●

#### REMEMBERING FIRST LIEUTENANT DONALD K. SCHWAB

● Mr. JOHANNIS. Mr. President, I wish to recognize the life and service of a brave and patriotic Nebraskan. First Lieutenant Donald K. Schwab was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for going above and beyond the call of duty during his service in World War II. First Lieutenant Schwab was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, Bronze Star, and three Purple Hearts for his valor, and I applaud the upgrading of his Distinguished Service Cross to the Medal of Honor, our Nation’s highest military honor.

Schwab was born in Hooper, NE, in 1918 and enlisted in the U.S. Army upon graduating from high school. In World War II, his tour of duty included posts in North Africa, Italy, and France. On September 17, 1944, near Lure, France, First Lieutenant Schwab showed tremendous bravery and valor though his actions in combat. Ordered to overwhelm the enemy line, Schwab led his men twice toward the Germans amidst heavy gunfire. He rallied his decimated force for a third charge on the hostile