

family event, or helping out in the community. Dr. Lu cherished his time with his family and could be consistently found going above and beyond to help out an individual in need.

While Dr. Lu is no longer with us, his lasting contributions are still a presence in the community to this day. His character is espoused in the individuals he inspired throughout his life, and his enduring principles live on in the hearts and minds of all those he met. May the memory of Dr. Lu continue to live on in all of us.

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HONORING THE LIFE OF DICK  
ROSSBERG

**HON. TED LIEU**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 23, 2015*

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of Dick Rossberg—father, husband, grandfather, and Torrance patriarch—who passed away on June 10, 2015, at the age of 87.

Dick was a passionate and rare human being whose love of Torrance was evident in all he did. He was a resident of Torrance since 1956 and served on the City Council and as president of the chamber of commerce. He was president of the Palos Verdes Rotary, Hollywood Riviera Sportsman's Club, Los Verdes Men's Golf Club and South Bay Cities Association.

Our community owes Dick a debt of gratitude for his many achievements. Dick was an advocate of Old Torrance redevelopment efforts, ensuring that the history of Torrance would be passed on to future generations. He founded Torrance's Community Energy Action Committee, which proved to be important during the 1978 energy crisis. Dick helped build a nationally recognized economic education program in the city's schools, as well.

Dick has left a tremendous and indelible mark on the City of Torrance. He touched countless lives and made each of them better for having known him.

Dick is survived by his wife of 62 years, June, his sons, Kirk and Chris, his daughters, Claudia McClain and Jill Carlton, and his three grandchildren.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the remarkable life of my dear friend, Dick Rossberg.

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RECOGNIZING KEN FARFSING

**HON. ALAN S. LOWENTHAL**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 23, 2015*

Mr. LOWENTHAL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Ken Farfsing, upon his retirement as the City Manager of the City of Signal Hill, California on June 30, 2015.

I've had the pleasure of working with Ken on local and state-wide issues for almost 20 years while serving on the Long Beach City Council, in the California State Legislature, and now in the U.S. Congress, and I consider him to be a dear friend.

Ken has over 33 years of experience in community development, redevelopment, eco-

nomics development and city management in five Southern California communities. Ken has spent the last 19 years serving the City of Signal Hill, and I am honored to recognize his outstanding career.

Ken began his career with the City of Santa Fe Springs, California in 1981 as an intern. In 1985 he was promoted to Community Development Director.

In 1988 he continued his career as the Community Development Director for the City of Downey. He later became Downey's Assistant City Manager and Director of Economic Development. He served as the City Manager of the City of South Pasadena for four years before coming to Signal Hill.

Under his guidance, the city established three commercial centers, Town Center North, Town Center West and the Signal Hill Gateway Center. He facilitated the relocation of a Mercedes Benz dealership to Signal Hill and the expansion of Glenn E. Thomas Dodge Auto Dealership, growing sales tax revenues from 6 million dollars to more than 12 million dollars. Additionally, he completed the development of six community parks and a new police station.

Ken has been active in regional issues and a leader with expertise on water issues, working with the 27 area Gateway Cities Council of Government on water, storm water and urban runoff regulation and practices. He served as chair of the City Manager's Steering Committee for the Gateway Cities Manager's Group and was a member of the "Water Quality Task Force" of the League of California.

Ken Farfsing's leadership and service to the community of Signal Hill will be greatly missed. I want to wish him the very best as he retires. His impact on the city will always be remembered.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to ask all of my distinguished colleagues to join me in thanking Ken Farfsing for his 19 years of public service with the City of Signal Hill.

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VICTOR VALLEY COLLEGE  
FOUNDATION TURNS 40

**HON. PAUL COOK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 23, 2015*

Mr. COOK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Victor Valley College Foundation's establishment. This organization has helped Victor Valley College better serve my constituents of the High Desert by providing students the tools to achieve not only their academic goals, but life goals as well. Students have received more than \$6 million in scholarships, allowing them to focus on their studies rather than how to pay for college.

Through donations, grants, and partnerships, the Victor Valley College Foundation has expanded the budget of the Victor Valley College by nearly \$50 million. In doing so, higher education has been more accessible than public funding alone would have allowed. Over the past 40 years, almost every department and program at Victor Valley College has been supported by the Foundation, of which are the School of Nursing, Southern California Logistics Airport School of Aviation Technology, Solar Photovoltaic Design and In-

stallation, Automotive Technology Hybrid Vehicle Maintenance, Geographic Information Systems, Contract and Community Education, and Paramedic Academy.

The Victor Valley College Foundation has enriched campus life by supporting student experience programs that include the Associated Student Body, Athletics, Model United Nations, Performing Arts, and Tropical Research Institute. Among its major accomplishments, the Foundation helped open and outfit influential campus facilities like the Performing Arts Center, Student Activities Center, Regional Public Safety Training Center, and the new Dr. Prem Reddy Health and Science Building.

Finally, I would like to congratulate the Board Officers, Directors, Emeritus Council, and the Staff members on the Victor Valley College Foundation's 40th Anniversary.

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TRIBUTE TO GLORIA WHETSTONE

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 23, 2015*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Gloria Whetstone for 50 years of service with the CHI Health Mercy Hospital in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Gloria was hired on March 6, 1965, and she is the first employee to be honored for this milestone anniversary. She has worked on every floor of the old and new hospital facilities, including the cardiac care unit, psychiatry unit, and in the Intensive Care Unit. Gloria is always willing to lend a helping hand to her co-workers and has been an educator for many years, teaching Basic Life Support and Advanced Cardiac Life Support classes.

Throughout her career, Gloria has volunteered in her community as an agent of change. She makes and donates crib sheets for Birthright, helps with funerals at St. Patrick's Church, makes cookies to send to our U.S. troops overseas, is involved in community events through her local sorority, is an active member of the Pioneer Garden Club, and helps out with the upkeep and maintenance of the neighborhood pool. Gloria and her husband, James, have four children, 13 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Gloria has been a mentor to many young nurses and monitor techs throughout her career. She is a shining example of compassion and excellence in the work she does. Gloria received the Spirit of Mission Award given by CHI Health Mercy Hospital system, which is the highest honor given to employees and physicians. Gloria contributes daily to the organizational success by regularly demonstrating excellence in all four core areas: reverence, integrity, compassion and excellence. Gloria has touched many lives during her 50 years of service, she takes pride in her work, and is a testament to hard work and caring for others.

Gloria Whetstone is an Iowan who has made our community and state proud. She has dedicated her life to helping and serving others, and it is with great honor that I recognize her today. I know that my colleagues in the House join me in honoring her accomplishments. I thank her for her service and wish her and her family all the best moving forward.