

Philadelphia will come together to honor that milestone and the life of this dynamic leader. I ask that all of my colleagues in the House join me in honoring her today.

This is an honor she richly deserves.

PARIS CLIMATE SUMMIT

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2015

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of the Paris Climate Summit.

This international summit provides us with a historic opportunity to collectively tackle climate change head on.

An agreement from this summit would—for the first time—produce an ambitious, effective, and transparent international work plan.

Thanks to President Obama, our nation has already made real progress in addressing climate change.

The President has taken bold steps with the Clean Power Plan, which sets the first-ever carbon pollution standards for power plants. By 2030, this plan would prevent up to 3,600 premature deaths and 90,000 asthma attacks in children—while spurring economic growth by creating tens of thousands of jobs and saving average families nearly \$85 a year in energy costs.

It's a win-win for families, public health and our planet.

Sadly, Republicans are trying to dismantle these and other limits on polluters and pollution at every turn.

Mr. Speaker, we have a moral obligation to protect our world for future generations by investing in renewable energy sources.

I am proud that my district is home to more than 70 solar companies. In the East Bay, our green energy future is rapidly being transformed into a reality.

Now, our nation and the world must join this movement. Too many people, especially in communities of color and low-income communities, are already feeling the impact of climate change on their daily lives. It's past time to address this issue. Our children and grandchildren deserve a planet worth inheriting.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2015

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on roll call numbers 656, 658, and 664, I was unavoidably detained off of the House floor. Therefore, I was unable to cast my vote. Had I been present, I would have voted YES.

TRIBUTE TO THE GIRLS' VARSITY VOLLEYBALL TEAM OF CHEROKEE TRAIL HIGH SCHOOL

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2015

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Girls' Varsity Volleyball team of

Cherokee Trail High School in Aurora, Colorado on winning the 2015 Colorado 5A State Championship game on November 14, 2015.

The students and staff who were a part of the title winning Cougar team deserve the utmost respect and commendation for winning in what has been a season full of challenges. Following the tragic death of one of their players, Celeste James, and a serious injury to another, Amazing Ashby, the Cherokee Trail Cougars showed courage in the face of true adversity to complete an amazing title winning season which honored their teammates.

In their dominant performances in the State Championships, the girls of Cherokee Trail High School's volleyball team proved that hard work, dedication, and perseverance is the perfect recipe for champions. These volleyball players were led to the championship title through the tireless leadership of their head coach, Terry Miller, and his commendable staff.

I also congratulate the educators and parents of this superb team. The faculty who supported the Cougars throughout the season must be recognized. No team, no matter how talented and committed, can rise to the level of State Champions without exceptional support and guidance from their teachers and parents.

It is with great pride that I join all of the residents of Aurora, Colorado, in congratulating the Cherokee Trail Cougars on their State Championship.

IN RECOGNITION OF ROSANNE S. FOST

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2015

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Rosanne S. Foust for twelve years of exemplary service on the City Council of Redwood City, including two years as Mayor and Vice Mayor. She leaves with a distinguished legacy of leadership, innovation and lasting contributions to the residents of Redwood City. I've had the great pleasure to work with Rosanne on many occasions and am fortunate to call her a good friend.

Rosanne brought decades of business experience to the council. She is the President and CEO of the San Mateo County Economic Development Association, SAMCEDA, the oldest countywide business organization on the Peninsula. Before that, Rosanne had a successful 20-year career with Alsace Development International USA, an international trade and development company.

During her time on the council, Rosanne served on the San Mateo County Transportation Authority. The transportation authority creates roads and mass transit infrastructure. Service on the board is difficult because there is never enough money to meet the needs of a booming economy. While prioritizing local projects and negotiating amongst local agencies, Rosanne Foust quickly became known for her fair and well-reasoned approach to identifying community transportation priorities. Her transportation decisions exemplified the maxim "Think globally, act locally."

Her dedication to the community is also demonstrated by her service on the city's Planning Commission, the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority, the Bay Area Council Economic Institute and through her public service programming at Peninsula Television. She is also a long-time member of the Redwood City-San Mateo County Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club.

Business cannot survive without water. When the water supply for San Francisco and the Peninsula was endangered by an ill-conceived ballot measure in San Francisco, Rosanne led the local effort in the successful campaign to defeat the measure.

Rosanne Foust never loses sight of the people left behind by our booming economy. She is a champion of affordable housing and understands how skyrocketing housing prices and rents are squeezing working families out of the Bay Area. Just recently, she led the city council to increase the number of affordable housing units within a new downtown project of 2,500 housing units from the proposed 250 apartments to the final agreement—375. More than 125 additional working families will now be able to live in downtown Redwood City. This is just one of many examples of her advocacy on behalf of equal economic opportunity.

Redwood City is fortunate to have a leader in Rosanne Foust. She has served as the treasurer and board member of Casa de Redwood, a low-cost housing complex for 136 senior citizens. Rosanne was willing to take time from her family and business priorities to serve as a steward of housing for these otherwise vulnerable members of our community. In Rosanne Foust, the community has had a vocal advocate for social justice.

Her tireless efforts to benefit our community have not gone unnoticed. The San Francisco Business Times honored her as one of the "Most Influential Women in Business in the Bay Area" in 2009 and 2010 and a member of the "Forever Influential Honor Roll" for 2011, 2012 and 2013. Notre Dame de Namur University honored her as the first Alumna of Distinction in 2013. The Redwood City Chamber of Commerce named her Person of the Year in 2002 and 2013 and Athena Businesswoman of the Year in 2002.

Rosanne was born and raised in Connecticut. She earned an MA in Public Administration and a BA in International Studies and Economics. She also completed executive management programs at Stanford University and UCLA's Anderson Graduate School of Management. Rosanne is married to Jim Hartnett and they are the proud parents of Julia and Lydia Foust and Josh and Jake Hartnett.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me to thank Rosanne Foust for twelve years of public service on the City Council of Redwood City. She will now relinquish to others the duties of diligent analysis and thoughtful commentary on the issues that shape her city each day. Her example sets a high standard for those who follow. Rosanne Foust led Redwood City with her heart, and its residents will forever benefit by that remarkable contribution to its future.

TRIBUTE TO BRIGADIER GENERAL
JENNIFER WALTER

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Brigadier General Jennifer Walter on her retirement from the Iowa Air National Guard. In 2012, General Walter became the first female general officer in the history of the Iowa Air National Guard. She now retires with 40 years of dedicated service to the U.S. Air Force and Air National Guard.

General Walter received her first commission of Second Lieutenant in 1986 after attending Officer Training School at the Academy of Military Science. Before becoming the first female general officer of the Iowa Air National Guard in 2012, General Walter served in numerous command positions, among them as the first female Iowa Air National Guard group commander, squadron commander, and non-medical colonel. General Walter has deployed in operations around the world, including Operation Southern Watch in Al Jaber, Kuwait, and as the 755th Air Expeditionary Group Commander with the Bagram Air Base in Afghanistan.

General Walter's military awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal, Meritorious Unit Award, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War On Terrorism Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Air Force Overseas Ribbon Short, Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border, Air Force Longevity Service, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with M Device (more than 37 years of service), Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon, NATO medal, and the Iowa National Guard Meritorious Service Medal.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent General Walter in the United States Congress, and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud her for years of dedicated service to the United States of America. I invite my colleagues in the United States House or Representatives to join me in congratulating her on her retirement, and wishing her nothing but the best moving forward.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND
LEGACY OF JOY McDUFFIE

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2015

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I stand before you today to recognize and honor the life and legacy of Ms. Joy Wiley McDuffie, whose death on November 21st, 2015 at age 59 was a loss not only to her large and loving family and friends but to my hometown of Buffalo, New York where she was a true champion for fairness and equality in the city she loved so much.

A woman of courage and conviction, Joy McDuffie will be long remembered as a highly

respected and motivated community activist dedicated to social justice, fair housing and a better future for Buffalo's children.

Born and raised in Buffalo, Joy was the third of twelve children. She personified her belief in the value of life-long education as she earned her associate's and bachelor's degrees and eventually received her master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Buffalo at age 50. Her work ethic was indisputable as she served as a business analyst in the private sector, and put her experience and social skills to great success as the owner and operator of "Club Joy."

She would later use her experience as the owner of a development company that purchased and restored homes as a GIS analyst and housing counselor with the Western New York Law Center. In this capacity, Joy McDuffie brought real data and a real commitment to ensure increased opportunities and greater access for all those wanting to own their own home.

Her passion for stronger neighborhoods and no-nonsense approach to problem solving made her an ideal Chairperson for the Distressed Properties Task Force in the City of Buffalo. She was a force as, under her leadership, this committee was re-energized with a renewed focus on reducing vacant and abandoned properties in the city she fought for and helped make so much stronger.

COLONEL GLENN W. SANDERS

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2015

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Colonel Glenn W. Sanders for his past three years of dedicated service as a Legislative Liaison for the Army Reserve. I wish him well in his next assignment as an instructor at the U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania.

Colonel Sanders is currently assigned as the Legislative Liaison for the 81st Regional Support Command at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. During the last three years, he supported Army Reserve units across the southeastern United States, meeting with Congressional staff and Federal, State and Local elected officials.

Prior to this assignment, Colonel Sanders served one year in the International Security Assistance Force Joint Command in Afghanistan, working as the Executive Officer to the Command's Operations Officer. From 2008 to 2011, he served on Capitol Hill as a Congressional Fellow and then as a Liaison in the Army House Liaison Division. His previous assignments include Mobilization Division Chief, Assistant Professor of Military Science, Battalion Operations Officer, Detachment Commander, Battery Commander, Squadron Fire Support Officer, Battery Executive Officer, Troop Fire Support Officer and Platoon Leader.

Colonel Sanders holds a Masters of Strategic Studies from the United States Army War College; a Masters of Public Administration from California State University, Northridge; a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of California, Riverside; and a Certificate in Legislative Studies

from the Government Affairs Institute at Georgetown University.

He is a graduate of the Army War College, Reserve Component National Security Course, Defense Strategy Course, Command and General Staff College, and the Field Artillery Basic and Advanced Officer Courses.

His awards and decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, United Nations Medal, NATO Medal and Army Staff Identification Badge. He is a recipient of the Order of Saint Maurice from the National Infantry Association.

I wish Colonel Sanders, his wife Kari and his daughters Kira and Kelli well as they move to Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

IN RECOGNITION OF STEVE
OKAMOTO

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2015

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Steve Okamoto for his four years of service on the Foster City City Council, and for his many significant contributions to our community.

During his term, Steve was instrumental in accomplishing many objectives that have shaped Foster City. The parks system was built out as Werder Park and Destination Park were completed this year. In 2014, the city's smoking ordinance was implemented, the implementation of the fire management shared services model with San Mateo and Belmont was completed, a gatekeeper ordinance for development projects was implemented, a synthetic softball/soccer field at Edgewater Park was completed, and a 15-acre site was sold and developed into the new Foster Square. In 2013, Phase III of the Levee Pedway Repair Project was completed, a synthetic soccer/baseball field at Sea Cloud Park and a synthetic soccer field/walking track at Port Royal Park were completed and finally the voters approved Business License Tax Measure U.

Additionally, Steve served on the Airport Community Roundtable, the Airport Land Use Committee, the Peninsula Traffic Congestion Relief Alliance, as the liaison to the San Mateo-Foster City Elementary School District, and as the liaison to the City's Parks and Recreation Commission.

Steve's commitment to the residents and community of Foster City has been unshakable. He has been a resident for over 34 years and he and his wife Diana have raised their family there. They are the proud parents of two grown children, Brad, 32 and Katie, 31.

Steve was born in San Francisco, attended Lowell High School, and graduated from UC Berkeley with a degree in business. He had a successful career in the financial industry for almost four decades and then worked for the American Cancer Society for ten years raising tens of millions of dollars for the agency. When he was elected to the city council, he retired from the American Cancer Society so that he could devote all of his time and energy to his new responsibilities.

During his service, he's been a voice of reason and responsibility while on the city council, and a person deeply concerned about the