

are internal Commission documents and not themselves published as part of the final rule, I can assure you that, consistent with normal practice, any final rule will summarize the comments we receive, including those comments that refer to third party studies, just as was done for the proposed rule published in December 2013.

I appreciate the complexity of the issues surrounding the position limits rule, and the importance of thoroughly and fully considering public comments. I have made it a priority to finalize a position limits rule this calendar year and believe we are making good progress toward that goal.

If you have further questions, please contact me or Cory Claussen.

Sincerely,

TIMOTHY G. MASSAD,  
*Chairman.*

IN MEMORY OF MEMPHIS POLICE  
K-9 OFFICER GUNNER

**HON. STEVE COHEN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 28, 2016*

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join with the people of Memphis who are mourning the loss of a member of the Memphis Police Department's K-9 unit.

Gunner, a fearless German Shepherd, served with his partner and handler Sgt. Roosevelt Twilley for five years before retiring in 2010.

In 2009, Gunner risked his life to help apprehend a suspected thief and saved his handler's life in the process. Gunner was stabbed 10 times during the incident. After emergency surgery and a blood transfusion, he returned to duty just two months later.

Last week, Gunner was laid to rest by his brothers and sisters of the Memphis Police Department in recognition of his life-long service to the safety of Memphis.

As a State Senator I offered legislation to increase the penalty for shooting police dogs like Gunner because an attack on a member of the K-9 unit is an attack on all our police, and we need to protect those who protect us from harm.

We are grateful for their service and we mourn the loss of K-9 officer Gunner.

HONORING MR. FRANK OMATSU

**HON. JUDY CHU**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 28, 2016*

Ms. JUDY CHU of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Frank Omatsu, an outstanding citizen who has done so much for his country and his community in his 92 years.

A native Californian, Frank was born in 1924 in Los Angeles, where he lived until the outbreak of World War II. His family was then uprooted and forced across the country to the Jerome War Relocation Center, a Japanese imprisonment camp in Arkansas. Frank was only a high school student at the time, and yet despite the cruelty of his imprisonment, he never wavered in his dedication to his country. When the imprisonment camps were finally closed, instead of returning back to the life

from which he was uprooted, Frank chose to join the U.S. Army. He served in the Military Intelligence Service, 77th Division, where he served overseas in the Philippines and Japan. Even after his family was treated like prisoners, he chose to fight for his country.

When Frank returned home from the war, he immediately went back to school to complete his education, and attended Los Angeles City College and the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). After graduating from UCLA, he became the first 'Nisei,' or second-generation Japanese American, to manage the Sumitomo Bank of California. As a manager, Mr. Omatsu provided loans and support to Japanese Americans returning from internment camps, helping them to get back on their feet financially. Always an active leader in his community, Frank was Finance Officer for Commodore Perry Post 525 of the American Legion Veterans organization. In 1985, he served as chairperson of the Little Tokyo Centennial Time Capsule. This time capsule, buried beneath a tree at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center in Little Tokyo, Los Angeles, preserves the culture and history of the Japanese American community in Los Angeles at the time. The following year, Frank founded the 'Astronaut Ellison Onizuka Memorial Board' to honor the first Asian Pacific American to reach outer space who was tragically killed in the *Challenger* Space Shuttle in 1986. The board celebrates the life and upholds the legacy of Astronaut Onizuka as an inspiration to future generations of Asian Pacific Americans.

Building upon his legacy of serving others and improving his community, Frank was one of the "magnificent seven" original board members of Keiro Senior Healthcare, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of senior life for the Los Angeles Japanese-American community. Keiro has provided quality care, bilingual resources, and culturally sensitive programs to the elderly Japanese American community. The Keiro facilities themselves have become a cornerstone of the community, where families would gather to celebrate their rich cultural history.

As one of the original board members of Keiro, Frank used his finance and banking knowledge to ensure the success of the organization, which has been operating since 1961. He served on the board for 42 years, helping to make Keiro a cherished and valued institution in the Japanese American community in Los Angeles and across the state of California.

Along with his colleagues, friends, and all those whose lives he impacted through his work, I am so grateful to Frank Omatsu for his lifelong dedication to Keiro and the Japanese American community. I congratulate him on this milestone, and wish him many more!

IN CELEBRATION OF THE 300TH  
ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOWN OF  
STRATHAM

**HON. FRANK C. GUINTA**

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 28, 2016*

Mr. GUINTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 300th anniversary of the Town of Stratham, New Hampshire.

Though formally incorporated as a town in New Hampshire on March 20, 1716, Stratham saw settlers on its lands formally known as Squamscott Patent going back to the 1600's. I know that these early settlers must have felt the way its current residents feel today, that it is a beautiful part of our historic state, with a great deal to offer families and businesses starting out there.

Stratham has been the home to many influential leaders for the State of New Hampshire including former Members of the U.S. House of Representatives David Barker Jr. and Josiah Bartlett Jr., former Members of the U.S. Senate Daniel Clark and Maurice Murphy Jr., and Paine Wingate who served in both the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives. Thomas Wiggin also hailed from Stratham and served as the first governor of what was then called the Upper Plantations of New Hampshire. Many of these influential figures from Stratham went on to make great contributions to the Granite State, and their family names still remain strong in the residents here today who proudly carry on in the name of their forefathers.

For the past 300 years, this town has been a landmark of independence and success, and the residents of Stratham should be proud of all that they've accomplished throughout its storied history. I am pleased to join with the citizens of Stratham as they mark this great milestone for their town and community, and it is truly an honor to represent them in Congress.

HONORING THE CAREER OF  
DETECTIVE JOSEPH SMOLA

**HON. JOHN KATKO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 28, 2016*

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the esteemed career of Detective Joseph Smola, who served over 28 years with the City of Syracuse Police Department.

Detective Smola was appointed to the Syracuse Police Department on September 16, 1985, and served commendably in various units within the Department until his retirement in March of 2014. As a result of his excellent service throughout his 28 years of service, he received two Divisional Commendations, twelve Bureau Commendations, twelve Departmental Commendations, The Meritorious Service Award in 2004, as well as several letters of appreciation.

During my time as a federal prosecutor I had the opportunity to serve with Detective Smola as part of the Syracuse Gang Violence Task Force. Detective Smola was an integral part of this effort for more than a decade and his work helped to drastically reduce the gang presence in some of our community's most violent neighborhoods.

For over 28 years, Detective Smola served with great dignity, loyalty and devotion to our community. He has truly helped to make the City of Syracuse a better, safer place for its citizens.