

Gregorsky, Paul Ritacco, Lee Raudonis, Ed Slevin and others, Dave served for eight years in the House Republican Leadership.

According to former Staff Director Bob Okun, who hired Dave and under whom Dave worked during most of those years, Dave “. . . distinguished himself as a top notch researcher and writer on Capitol Hill in the 1980s which served him so well through his thirty plus years on the Hill.” Dave wrote for the 1988 Republican Platform Committee which was co-chaired by Rep. Lewis. Congressman Lewis told me that he has “. . . always been very proud of the quality of our personal staff. One of the greatest among them has been David Ramey. To our knowledge, the only mistake Dave ever made was to leave our staff and to go and work for my buddy KEN CALVERT.”

After I was first elected in November of 1992, Dave was one of the first staff members I brought on board as my Legislative Director. My first Chief of Staff, Ed Slevin, said “Without a doubt, Dave is one of the best and the brightest. He was a great renaissance man for the Congressman.” In 1997, Dave became my Chief of Staff when Ed left the Hill. Throughout his time in my office, Dave has demonstrated a tremendous gift for analyzing policies and finding solutions to complex legislative challenges. Many things have changed over Dave’s 32 years in the House, but his sense of punctuality and neatness were always a constant.

He has also mentored a great number of staff members and interns who have served in my office, sharing with them the tremendous knowledge he possesses about our government, Capitol Hill, history and life in general. I believe it’s fair to say nobody who spent time working in our office left without bearing the imprint of Dave’s wonderful leadership. Some of the staff’s favorite Daveisms include: “Ounce for ounce, testosterone is more dangerous than plutonium,” “If you want one thing, ask for two,” “cc’s are free,” “What gets scheduled, gets done,” “A foolish consistency is the hobgoblin of little minds,” “Don’t go to law school,” and the all-time favorite, “The six most important words in the English language are: ‘I am sorry. I was wrong.’”

In addition to working in my office, Dave has served as the CRAP Master, the head of the California Republican Administrative Personnel group (CRAPs), as well as Co-Chairman of the bipartisan California State Society. He graduated from the College of William and Mary in 1984 with a B.A. in International Relations and in 2010 received his Master of Arts with Highest Distinction from the Naval War College in National Security and Strategic Studies. When Dave steps down on October 31st to become a principal at Kadash and Associates, it will mark the departure of the last staff member in my office who has served me since I was sworn into office in 1993. (The amount of file space that we will reclaim is practically unfathomable.) Dave’s immeasurable contributions to my office, the constituents I have represented in Riverside and Orange Counties, and to our country are something for which we should all be very grateful. Personally, I have and will continue to value my friendship with Dave and wish him and his wife Jenny, their daughter Maddie and son Ben the very best and brightest future.

DYSTONIA AWARENESS MONTH

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the month of September as Dystonia Awareness Month.

Currently, it is estimated that at least 300,000 individuals in North America suffer from dystonia, making it more common than Huntington’s, muscular dystrophy, and ALS. Dystonia may be inherited or caused by specific factors such as trauma, certain medications, and additional medical conditions. For most people with dystonia, the cause remains unknown and there is currently no cure.

Dystonia is a neurological movement disorder that causes muscles to contract and spasm involuntarily. It affects men, women, and children. Dystonia can be generalized, affecting all major muscle groups, and resulting in twisting, repetitive movements and abnormal postures. It can also be focal, affecting a specific part of the body such as legs, arms, hands, neck, face, mouth, eyelids, or vocal cords. Dystonia is not usually fatal, but it is a chronic disorder producing symptoms that vary in degrees of frequency, intensity, disability, and pain depending on the type of dystonia. The inability to predict or control the movements of the legs, arms, hands, neck, shoulders, face, eyelids, jaw, tongue, and/or vocal cords has a profound impact on an individual’s life. Medical literature associates the onset of dystonia with traumatic injury, particularly traumatic head/brain injuries. Our men and women in uniform face a disproportionate risk of developing dystonia as a result of an injury sustained during their military service.

The Dystonia Medical Research Foundation, which works to raise awareness of dystonia is a nationwide organization that serves the community. Beyond awareness, the Dystonia Medical Research Foundation provides the dystonia community with support, education, advocacy, and the promotion of research into the causes of and care of dystonia. I have long known the Farber family and have seen their contributions and passion for the support of dystonia related research and awareness.

I call on my colleagues to recognize the goals and ideals of Dystonia Awareness Month by supporting federal activities that improve lives of patients impacted by dystonia including research programs at the National Institutes of Health.

IN RECOGNITION OF JERRY WAY

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the career of Mr. Jerry Way as the Director of Public Works for the City of Sacramento. As his family, friends, and colleagues gather to celebrate his many professional accomplishments, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating this exceptional individual whose 36 years of service have greatly benefited the City of Sacramento.

A graduate from California State University, Sacramento, Jerry began his career in Public

Works in 1980. As the City Traffic Engineer and Streets Manager, Jerry led projects that greatly improved the infrastructure of the State Capital. He was appointed Sacramento’s Director of Public Works in 2006. He managed over 400 employees and a \$100 million capital improvement budget, overseeing projects that greatly enhanced public safety, raised the quality of life of my constituents, and promoted environmental sustainability. His oversight also included the operations and maintenance of more than 3,000 road lane miles, 40,000 streetlights, and 10,000 parking spaces.

Jerry is well known throughout Sacramento for his ability to get things done in City Hall. In recent years, he took on some of the region’s largest and most important projects, including the new downtown arena, the Downtown Sacramento Streetcar, and the Delta Shores and Railyards developments. His steady leadership, his sense of humor, and his perspective over the last decade have been instrumental in changing Sacramento for the better.

Because of his dedication to serving the public, Jerry was named as one of the Top 10 Public Works Leaders in North America by the American Public Works Association. Jerry served on the Board of Directors for the Sacramento Tree Foundation and for the River District; he also promoted environmental awareness in the Sacramento community through his many sustainability projects. Jerry’s extraordinary commitment to raising the quality of life for the citizens of Sacramento has helped make the state capital a wonderful place to live, work, and raise a family.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Jerry Way as he celebrates his years of dedication to the City of Sacramento. I am sad to see him leave public service; my constituents will miss his commitment to improving their city. I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring Jerry’s outstanding career and wishing him the best in retirement.

TRIBUTE TO JOHNNY’S BODY SHOP

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Johnny’s Body Shop of Essex, Iowa, for celebrating their 50th year in business. Johnny’s Body Shop was founded by the late Johnny and Eileen Resh in 1966.

Johnny’s Body Shop is currently owned by Hazel and Delaine Resh. They represent the third generation of Resh family ownership. Delaine spends most of his day doing the required insurance and written estimates for customers, and notes how dramatically the auto industry has changed over the years. Delaine and Hazel often state their gratefulness to the residents of Essex for supporting their family-run business for over a half century.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Hazel and Delaine Resh for their years of dedicated and devoted service to Essex and the surrounding area. The staff at Johnny’s Body Shop make a difference by helping and serving others every day. It is with great honor that I recognize them today and I am proud to represent them