

HONORING CHIEF STEPHEN
POTTER

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Napa's retiring Chief of Police, Stephen Potter, for his lifelong dedication to public service to our community.

Chief Potter was born and raised in Napa, California. In 1980, he received an Associate of Science in Law Enforcement from Napa Valley College. In 2007, he returned to school and graduated from Union Institute & University with a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice Management.

Chief Potter has been an integral member of Napa's law enforcement community since he began his career as a Deputy Sheriff at the Napa County Sheriff's Department in 1981. He served as a Patrol Deputy, Field Training Officer, Deputy Coroner, Investigator, SWAT Team member and Narcotic Investigator. In 1987, Chief Potter joined the Napa Police Department, where he became known for his communication and problem solving skills. He became the Chief of Police for Napa in 2015. During his time at the Police Department, he has worked tirelessly to serve our community through public safety.

Chief Potter has been active in our community outside of his official duties. He was a basketball and baseball coach and has been a mentor to countless young adults throughout the years. He has stayed in contact with many of his mentees and continues to offer advice and provide guidance.

Chief Potter is an essential part of many community organizations. He is a Board Member of Leadership Napa Valley, Napa Emergency Women's Services, Puertas Abiertas, Napa County Hispanic Network and is an Honorary Board Member of Napa Police Historical Society. Chief Potter is an Associate Member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police and the California Police Chiefs Association, and a member of the California Police Officers Association, Napa County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club of Napa Sunrise.

Mr. Speaker, I'm proud to call Chief Stephen Potter my friend and he is a kind and caring person who is devoted to our community. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

RECOGNIZING MR. PAUL NOVACK

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I am humbled to honor an extraordinary citizen of our South Florida community, Paul Novack.

Hailing from Miami-Dade County, Paul has served as a tireless advocate and public servant for those who call our slice of paradise their home.

A proud graduate of my alma mater, the University of Miami (Go Canes!), Paul served as student body President among many other leadership roles. Following his undergraduate

degree, Paul enrolled in Nova Southeastern University, where he earned his Juris Doctorate.

Upon completion of his law degree, Paul began his journey to what became an extraordinary legal career, representing thousands of clients and litigating numerous cases across multiple legal subjects.

In 2016, Paul was honored by the Dade County Bar Association for significant contributions in providing access to justice; an honor that is well deserved.

In addition, Paul answered the Town of Surfside's call to service, serving six terms as Town Commissioner and subsequently Mayor. During his tenure as Mayor, Paul worked to author and reform township ethics rules, and led the town to 12 consecutive balanced budgets.

However, Paul's commitment to public service didn't stop there. In addition to his roles in public office, he has also held officer postings in our armed forces auxiliary; a Flotilla Staff Officer in the Coast Guard Auxiliary and a Captain in the Civil Air Patrol.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Paul's countless hours of service and dedication to our community. I thank him for his years of dedicated service, and wish him the very best in the years to come.

Gracias (thank you) Paul.

ASSYRIAN MARTYR'S DAY

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of Assyrian Martyr's Day.

I stand with the Assyrians in my community in commemorating this solemn day—the day the Iraqi army entered Simele and its surrounding areas and massacred thousands of men, women, and children.

We must never forget this horrific event and I hope one day we can erect a memorial in Simele for the fallen.

We also recognize the 103rd anniversary of the Ottoman genocide against the Assyrians and others that began in 1915. I will continue pushing for global recognition of this genocide.

Despite tragedies of the past, the Assyrian people have shown an unparalleled resolve to build a better and brighter future.

Earlier this year, I introduced the Nineveh Plain Restoration Act in Congress to support the swift rehabilitation of the Nineveh Plain in the wake of war and violence. We must ensure Assyrians have a home and a future in their ancestral homeland, and I will continue to prioritize this.

Although we cannot change the past, I look forward to working with those in my community to build a strong and vibrant future for Assyrians here in America and around the world.

I urge my colleagues to stand together with me in remembering those who lost their lives. May their memories continue to be with us.

IN HONOR OF JOSEPH R. GILLIAM

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Vietnam War Veteran Joseph R. Gilliam.

Mr. Gilliam served in the U.S. Army from 1968 to 1969, and saw action in the Tay-Ming Province of Vietnam.

There he served as an Armored Track Commander and as the Second Section Sergeant with the 25th Infantry Division.

Mr. Gilliam earned a number of distinctions while serving, including a Bronze Star Medal for Meritorious Service and a Purple Heart for injuries sustained when his Armored Personnel Carrier struck an Improvised Explosive Device.

We as a Nation owe Mr. Gilliam a great debt of gratitude for his service and sacrifice. It is brave men and women like him that enable us to rest easily at night.

I'm honored to present Joseph R. Gilliam replacement medals for his service in Vietnam and for his sacrifice to our nation.

REFLECTIONS ON THE 73RD ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOMBINGS OF HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak in remembrance of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki that ushered in the nuclear age 73 years ago this week.

The atomic bombs that devastated Hiroshima on August 6, 1945 and Nagasaki on August 9, 1945 thankfully represent the only instances where the awesome destructive power of nuclear weapons were unleashed.

While it is true that the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki helped to bring a speedy and decisive end to the conflict in the Pacific theater during World War II, it is also true that devastation and carnage wrought by those explosions was a vivid reminder and compelling reason for the international community to work in concert to prevent the proliferation and use of nuclear weapons.

And for 73 years, the international community, led by the United States, has deterred every nation on earth from using nuclear weapons although it has been less successful in deterring several nation-states from developing their nuclear weapons capability.

So while we pause to remember the victims who perished in, and the lives that were saved by, the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, it is critically important that we take this moment to redouble our commitment towards nuclear nonproliferation and banishing the threat of nuclear annihilation from the earth.

Mr. Speaker, since 1945 preventing the spread of nuclear weapons and weapons technology has been a pillar of the U.S.-led, rules-based international order that has brought an unprecedented era of peace and prosperity the United States and its allies in Europe, Asia, and the Pacific.

It is this commitment to nuclear non-proliferation that has led the United States to

work with the international community to keep rogue nations from developing their own nuclear arsenals, the most recent achievement in this regard is the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) negotiated with the Iranian government in 2015.

Multilateral efforts like the JCPOA were made possible by responsible, level-headed leadership that did not needlessly engage in brinksmanship.

Today, the world faces a grave threat from the rogue and hostile regime in Pyongyang in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Mr. Speaker, it is imperative that we continually seek to reduce the risk of war, and this is not accomplished through the use of overheated, reckless, and bombastic rhetoric, or foolish and short-sighted actions like the current President's decision to withdraw from the JCPOA.

It is vitally important that the President learns the importance of using restrained and judicious rhetoric in trying to diffuse this delicate situation.

Mr. Speaker, blustery statements and bombastic tweets will not defuse the tense situation on the Korean peninsula or frighten the regime in North Korea.

Instead, we must employ the full arsenal of America's smart power assets—diplomacy, economic sanctions—to persuade North Korea that it is in its self-interest to turn away from the dangerous path it is traveling.

The United States does not harbor hostile intentions toward North Korea and is seeking to overthrow the regime in Pyongyang.

Mr. Speaker, thoughtful, sober, carefully calibrated diplomatic engagement with North Korea represents America's best option and holds the promise of a favorable and peaceful outcome, just as was achieved with the JCPOA and the 1994 Agreed Framework reached with North Korea that stopped North Korea's nuclear weapons program for nine years.

On July 16, 1945, after witnessing the first test of the atomic bomb in Alamogordo, New Mexico, Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer, the director of the Manhattan Project, remembered the line from the Hindu scripture, the Bhagavad-Gita: "Now, I am become Death, the destroyer of worlds."

Mr. Speaker, for more than 70 years the international community, led by the most indispensable of nations, the United States, has kept the nuclear genie in the bottle.

We have been successful to date in no small part due to the thoughtful, persistent, judicious, restrained application of American power by responsible, sober, determined, informed Presidents of the United States, from Harry Truman through Barack Obama.

When he took the oath of office on January 20, 2017, that torch, and the burden of leadership, was passed to Donald Trump and all Americans are anxiously still waiting and praying he can rise to the occasion.

LUIS FERNANDO SANCHEZ EARNS
RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Luis Fernando Sanchez of Rich-

mond, TX for earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Eagle Scout is the highest honor a Boy Scout can earn.

Only a small percentage of Boy Scouts reach the rank of Eagle Scout, which requires years of effort to develop the necessary leadership, service and outdoor skills. To earn this honor, Luis earned 33 merit badges, and developed and provided leadership to others in a service project. For his project, Luis constructed a prayer and meditation area for Sacred Heart Family Catholic Church in Richmond, TX. Luis attends Travis High School and plans to study aeronautical engineering in college. His dedication to our community has prepared him to be a leader in his future career. The leadership skills he has learned through Boy Scouts are already benefiting our community.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Luis for becoming an Eagle Scout. I am proud and confident of his continued success. I thank him for his dedication to making our community a better place.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 5515,
NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZA-
TION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019

SPEECH OF

HON. BRENDAN F. BOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2018

Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to thank the FY19 NDAA conferees for their hard work on this important piece of legislation. There are many good, important provisions in this bill, including several of my own amendments. However, I am here today to express my disappointment that the Senate provision which would have reinstated penalties against ZTE was stripped out of the final conference report.

No nation steals American intellectual property or spies on America more than China, and Chinese telecommunication companies are among the most powerful tools they use to do this. In April 2018, the Commerce Department issued a seven-year ban on U.S. companies working with ZTE due to its illegal sales to North Korea and Iran. Following President Trump's negotiations on trade with Chinese President Xi Jinping, Secretary Wilbur Ross announced an alternative set of penalties that would allow the company to keep operating in the U.S. market. The Senate provision would have required the President to certify that Chinese telecoms had not violated U.S. laws and cooperated with U.S. investigators for a full year before granting relief from civil penalties.

ZTE is a notorious "bad actor" on several policy fronts, and has blatantly violated and ignored U.S. law. The Chinese telecom company is a consistent violator of U.S. intellectual property rights, sued multiple times by U.S. companies for intellectual property violations. The vast majority of these lawsuits have been successful.

Our intellectual property laws set us apart from the rest of the world. They have been and remain critical to fostering American innovation. As the Administration develops its policies on China and ZTE, it cannot forget that ZTE's rogue behavior with regard to intellec-

tual property is a critical element of the problem and must be addressed in any solution.

TRIBUTE TO RINGGOLD COUNTY
ISU EXTENSION AND OUTREACH

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ringgold County ISU Extension and Outreach in Mount Ayr, Iowa on their 100-year anniversary. This is an important milestone in their history of service to Southwest Iowa and the Third Congressional District.

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach began in 1862 when President Lincoln signed into the Morrill Act, which established land-grant university systems. Extension and Outreach engaged farmers and homemakers to improve seeds, farming, and home practices. ISU Extension and Outreach now focuses on four main topics, ag and natural resources, health and well-being, economic development, and youth and 4-H outreach opportunities.

Throughout its many years of service, ISU Extension and Outreach has successfully met the needs of Southwest Iowa by providing excellent education for youth through 4-H and adults with necessary services to the communities. I congratulate Ringgold County Extension on this historic anniversary and it is an honor to represent its employees in the United States Congress. I wish them nothing but continued success.

ADITYA SAHARIA EARNS RANK OF
EAGLE SCOUT

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Aditya Saharia of Sugar Land, TX for earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Eagle Scout is the highest honor a Boy Scout can earn.

Only a small percentage of Boy Scouts reach the rank of Eagle Scout, which requires years of effort to develop the necessary leadership, service and outdoor skills. To earn this honor, Aditya earned 46 merit badges, and developed and provided leadership to others in a service project. For his project, Aditya worked with 12 other students to help construct trophy shelves for the Fort Settlement Middle School Orchestra, where he was previously a member. This project took over 83 hours of Aditya's time and the shelves he helped build covered a span of 48 feet. Aditya and his troop also completed over 100 hours of service following Hurricane Harvey. Aditya also regularly volunteers with the Sai Center of Houston, helping make food for local shelters. Aditya's dedication to our community has prepared him to be a leader in his future career. The leadership skills he has learned through Boy Scouts are already benefiting our community.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again