

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

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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

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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

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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

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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