

Ma'âse') and congratulate Roy on his retirement. I wish him the best in this new chapter of his life.

# TRIBUTE TO JOANN AND JACK POWERS

## HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 24, 2018*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor JoAnn and Jack Powers of Council Bluffs, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 65th wedding anniversary. They were married on July 30, 1953 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Ottumwa, Iowa.

JoAnn and Jack's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 65th anniversary, I hope it is filled with happy memories. May their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 65th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

# TRIBUTE TO ATWATER PARK CENTER

## HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 24, 2018*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the hundreds of staff and volunteers who have helped to create and sustain the Atwater Park Center (APC) in Los Angeles as it celebrates its 50th anniversary.

In 1968, volunteers from a local church organized one of the first early childhood engagement programs in Los Angeles County with the goal of helping local families maximize their young children's development by providing networking opportunities and support. From this endeavor, a secular, non-profit organization, Atwater Park Center (APC) was established, renting classrooms in Atwater Baptist Church, to provide a variety of family services, which continues to this day.

Now, 50 years later, the award-winning APC has served thousands of children throughout the Los Angeles region, providing developmentally sensitive childcare and education. The center also offers home and educational services and support programs for families in both English and Spanish, making it accessible to a wide variety of people. It is also a training site for numerous colleges whose students major in nursing, occupational therapy, child development, and early childhood education, giving hands-on experience to students who want to dedicate their careers to enriching the lives of others.

The staff and volunteers of the Atwater Park Center understand that nothing comes close to the relationship a child has with his or her parents but that group care with teachers and caregivers can add to a child's development,

helping them stay emotionally secure, confident, and involved in classroom activities. With this feeling of security, children are more likely to explore and make connections with others, and APC presents an atmosphere where children are encouraged to cooperatively live, work, and play. Play spurs communication, imagination, and the development of abstract thought, and children are encouraged to find the style of play that best suits them. The center recognizes the extent to which play is critical in a child's development and focuses on equipping them with as many tools and resources as possible to pave the way to a successful life.

I am honored to recognize the volunteers and staff of the Atwater Park Center for its remarkable achievements over the last five decades. I ask all Members to join me in congratulating the APC for their dedicated service to children and families in the greater Los Angeles area.

# HONORING MUTHUVEL KARUNANITHI

## HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 24, 2018*

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, some of my Tamil American constituents brought to my attention the passing of an extraordinary man: Muthuvel Karunanithi who was born June 3, 1924 and passed away August 7, 2018.

Muthuvel Karunanithi became involved in social justice issues at age of 14, publishing a handwritten journal that has been published as a weekly ever since. He wrote regularly until he fell ill at the age of 92.

Muthuvel Karunanithi was a poet, writer, publisher, orator, novelist, and literary critic in the Tamil language. His books sold millions of copies and his movie scripts shattered old boundaries of political possibility, articulating a new vision of human relationships.

He ran for political office thirteen times and never lost over a seventy year period. He was chief minister of the state of Tamil Nadu in southern India five times. His career was marked by a lifelong commitment to breaking the barriers of the caste system, especially for the lowest caste people who handle human waste. Karunanithi led a successful effort for an affirmative action program for their admittance to medical schools and subsequent admission to the practice of medicine. He visited Chicago in 1972.

Muthuvel Karunanithi was a man from the lowest rung of the social ladder who climbed the highest political mountains, but kept his lifestyle simple and his thoughts and actions fixed on the highest aspirations for all of his people.

# IN RECOGNITION OF CHIEF OF POLICE DEBRA WALTHALL

## HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 24, 2018*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the exemplary work of Chief of Po-

lice Debra Walthall, who retired from the City of Corinth, Texas on August 21, 2018. Chief Walthall has spent her 35-year professional career in law enforcement as a committed leader to each community she has served.

Chief Walthall became the Chief of Police for the City of Corinth's Police Department in 2008. During her tenure as leader of the Corinth Police Department, she facilitated open communication and enhanced transparency with the citizenry through the Citizen's Police Academy, the Volunteer Policing Program, and the personal daily interaction of Corinth Officers within the community. Under her leadership, the department has been recognized for compliance with Texas Police Chief's Best Law Enforcement Practices through the Texas Police Chief's Association.

Before coming to Corinth, Chief Walthall began her career in law enforcement as a Detention Officer in the Collin County Sheriff's Department in 1978. She later joined the Allen Police Department to serve as a patrol officer, criminal investigator, narcotics investigator, field training officer, and SWAT member, rising through the ranks to Deputy Chief.

Chief Walthall graduated from the Regional Police Academy in Arlington, Texas in 1986, and holds a Master Police Officer Certification from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards. She also holds a Bachelor of Science degree in the Administration of Criminal Justice, and is a 2002 graduate of the FBI National Academy—Session 211, the Bill Blackwood Law Enforcement Management Institute, and the Institute for Law Enforcement Administration.

I am deeply grateful for Chief Walthall's dedicated public service and significant contributions to the City of Corinth and North Texas, and wish her the best in her retirement.

# RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF FREDERICK QUINENE

## HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 24, 2018*

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and accomplishments of Mr. Frederick Quinene. Fred is a longtime friend who has spent his life serving our community, working for the government of Guam in different capacities and as a school teacher. Fred is most known on island for his poetry. Fred was named the Poet Laureate of Guam by my late husband, Governor Ricky Bordallo in 1986 by Executive Order No. 86-14. Fred was recognized for his ability to write beautiful, lyrical pieces that truly celebrated Guam's unique and rich cultural heritage. Fred was to be called upon to use his talents of writing whenever necessary.

Fred has been writing poetry since he was a young boy, and most recently published the book, "An Islander's Voice." His newest book is a compilation of poems about love and family, his home, politics, legends, the Chamorro people, and special occasions. Fred worked closely with the University of Guam Press to publish this compilation of his poetry as his gift to the island.

I join the people of Guam in recognizing the life and countless accomplishments of Frederick Quinene. I commend Fred for his gift to