

So Magnificent, this light!
 So all of this!
 So Brave, This Light!
 As That Last Full Measure . . .
 Was but Garrett's fine gift, this night!
 A United States Marine!
 Who upon battlefields of honor, was seen!
 Seen . . . Marching, into that valley of
 death. . . .
 With no regrets!
 As shone, his most brilliant sheen! His quest!
 As he took, all of those most courageous
 steps!
 But worn upon his fine chest, all in courage's
 crest!
 Giving all, until none lie left!
 For all of his most beloved Brothers In
 Arms, to bless!
 All in a Hero's quest, all To Be The Best!
 As a Freedom Fighter, no less!
 For such lights come, only from one's soul so
 bright!
 To but vanquish the darkness, and bring The
 Light!
 All in what you have done, all in your short
 life. . . !
 A Mother cries, as her fine son has died . . .
 as she asks why?
 Fine comfort! One day up in Heaven, he will
 be by your side!
 Thy Will Be Done!
 For you Garrett my son, are but the Bright-
 est of All Ones!
 Because, moments are all we have!
 To Grab Hearts, To Make Difference . . . To
 Heaven Rise!
 All in your most magnificent shades of
 green! You United States Marine . . .
 And when there comes a gentle rain, all
 across Sugar Land. . . .
 Our Lord's tears will remain, with your
 Mother to ease pain!
 For Heaven has just gotten stronger, as a
 new Marine belongs there!
 And as the tears roll down our cheeks, re-
 member what brilliance can be!
 And remember all of this, and remember
 Garrett's Gift!
 Amen!

IN HONOR OF THE DONATION OF
 JOSEPH SCHIPRETT TO THE
 LONSDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY

HON. JOHN KLINE

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. KLINE of Minnesota. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the generosity of a benevolent donation to benefit the community of Lonsdale, Minnesota.

The Lonsdale public library is now home to a text enlarger that returns the gift of reading to those whose eyes aren't as sharp as they once were. Estimated to cost \$1,800, this gift was made possible by Joseph Schiprett, a Lonsdale resident. Joseph purchased the machine for his wife who was losing her eyesight due to Diabetes. Helen, who never lost her love for reading, passed away in 2007, at which time Joseph shared this gift with the entire Lonsdale community.

As the Senior Republican on the Education and Labor Committee, I commend Mr. Schiprett for his selfless donation and investment in the continuing education of the Lonsdale community.

HONORING DAVE SOLEM

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. WALDEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to share with you the deep appreciation that I and the people of the Klamath Basin hold for Dave Solem, the manager of the Klamath Irrigation District.

Those who know Dave admire his considerable knowledge, skill, and leadership abilities. You can always rely on Dave to have the informed perspective and good judgment to find solutions that make a difference.

It is with mixed emotions that I join my fellow Oregonians in bidding Dave farewell as he leaves the Klamath Basin for a new career. After 28 years of managing the Klamath Irrigation District, Dave is leaving to become the general manager of the South Columbia Basin Irrigation District in Pasco, Washington. Dave's departure is a great loss for those of us who hold Klamath Basin agriculture close to our hearts.

Madam Speaker, you may be familiar with the vast agricultural bounty of the Klamath Basin. Known worldwide for its superior food and forage crops, the success of the basin depends on the conservation and delivery of water. Dave's contributions to irrigated agriculture have been unmatched.

As the general manager of the Klamath Irrigation District, Dave earned a stellar reputation as a leader, organizer, and team player, overseeing all aspects of operation and maintenance of a complex irrigation and drainage system. The Klamath Irrigation District is a major enterprise consisting of irrigation and drainage systems that span 400 miles in length.

Dave, a professional in every sense of the word, managed major water projects during his tenure, including the \$14 million A-Canal Fish Screen and Headworks Construction, the \$900,000 A-Canal Tunnel Invert Replacement, the \$700,000 Miller Hill Pumping Plant Replacement, and the \$350,000 Adams Siphon Construction.

Madam Speaker, Dave knows the value of water and has spent a career managing that precious resource for all uses. Klamath Irrigation District, under Dave's leadership, has been committed to ongoing efforts to conserve water, including several miles of canal piping, the automated telemetric control system of all of the head gates and major canals, and, most recently, the initiation of a GIS mapping and monitoring system for the district.

Dave has served as director of the Klamath Water Users Association, including two terms as president. He was frequently the voice of irrigated agriculture in state and federal forums. He distinguished himself in his time at the Klamath Water Users Association by receiving their Leadership Award three times, and was praised for the strong roles he took in the Klamath River Fisheries Task Force and his participation in addressing issues related to water supply, water quality, herbicide application, tribal trust, the environment, and electric power.

Dave is no stranger to Congress, as he has made frequent trips to Washington, D.C. to

meet with members of Congress, Senators, and staff members as well as testify in hearings. He has met with high level agency and administration officials to help them understand that intricacies of water in the Klamath Basin.

I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Dave and his wife, Julie, Godspeed as they pursue new horizons. Dave will be sorely missed in the Klamath Basin, as he is a man of extraordinary character and honesty who has served the irrigators in the Klamath Reclamation Project exceptionally well.

Dave may be leaving the area, but the results of his great work will remain, and he will always be our friend.

HONORING MILFORD POLICE CHIEF
 WAYNE WALLI

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor and acknowledge Milford Police Chief Wayne Walli, upon his retirement after a distinguished 39 year career in law enforcement.

After graduating from Rochester High School in 1967, Wayne pursued what he thought would be his career path, earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in Engineering from Oakland University in 1971. During his senior year at Oakland University Wayne discovered that he no longer felt a passion for the vocation he had chosen. Soon after graduation, Mr. Walli took an extended vacation to New York City where by observing the busy police officers of Manhattan he took an interest in police work.

Upon his return to Michigan, Wayne Walli was elated to discover that the City of Pontiac was hiring police officers. Applying for the position, Walli set himself on the career path he would follow for the next four decades. Chief Walli began his career in law enforcement with the City of Pontiac in 1972. He served that city for 11 years as a police officer, 4½ years as a Sergeant and Captain for 6½ years. Leaving a lasting legacy, Walli authored the orientation manual still employed by the Pontiac Police Department for beginning sergeants.

Walli completed training at the FBI National Academy in 1993 and in 1996 became Police Chief of Milford where he was instrumental in initiating a township wide police millage in 1997. In 2004 he was instrumental in the approval of a millage dedicated to converting the former library to house the police department headquarters. Under his leadership the Milford Police Department increased its patrol and investigative abilities, growing the number of sworn officers from 12 to 20 although the number of officers is currently 18.

Chief Wayne Walli is a member of the FBI National Academy Associates, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police and the Oakland County Association of Chiefs of Police.

Wayne Walli has proven to be a man of dedicated and irreplaceable service. His loss