

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor and humility that I recognize the life of Barbara Bailey, a champion of civil rights in the Seattle area and whose impact will endure through the many lives which she inspired.

IN RECOGNITION OF DONNA L. YEE

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2018

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Dr. Donna L. Yee as she retires as the Chief Executive Officer of the Asian Community Center (ACC) Senior Services. As colleagues, friends and family gather to honor her work, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring her for her leadership at ACC Senior Services, as well as for her dedication to our community.

For seventeen years, Dr. Yee has been instrumental in advancing the indispensable support that ACC Senior Services provides to the senior members of our community. Her leadership has led to not only the improvement of the organization's longtime recreational, transportation, and housing services, but also the establishment of new programs that provide support and understanding to seniors and their families and caregivers. During Dr. Yee's tenure at ACC Senior Services we have witnessed the opening of ACC Park City and the launch of ACC Lifelong learning And Wellness classes and workshops, which later became ACC Care Center, focusing on family caregiver support and service needs. ACC RIDES provides transportation for seniors to get to their appointments. Bridge to Healthy Families was created, giving support to families with loved ones with Alzheimer's and dementia. ACC Greenhaven Terrace, an independent living and assisted living facility for our senior community was established, as well as the Memory Care residential facility at Maple Tree. We also saw the establishment of Meals on Wheels by ACC providing nutrition services to seniors.

Dr. Yee's background of over four decades in social science research and experience in hospital services have shaped her into a leader in person-centered care and health. Donna received her Master of Social Work from the University of Washington and her Ph.D. in Social Policy at the Heller School, Brandeis University. Because of Dr. Yee's leadership, ACC Senior Services will continue to grow with the goal of identifying, developing, and providing culturally sensitive health and social services for seniors.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to congratulate Dr. Donna L. Yee for seventeen years of successful leadership and to thank her for the work she has done to promote the quality and access of services for our senior citizens. She and her team have served our community well, and I ask all my colleagues to join me in acknowledging her outstanding accomplishments.

HONORING THE CAREER AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF HICKORY HILLS POLICE CHIEF ALAN T. VODICKA

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2018

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Chief Alan T. Vodicka and recognize his accomplishments as Chief of the Hickory Hills Police Department. Chief Vodicka's combined 42 years of service and dedication are nothing short of remarkable. As he prepares to retire, we cannot help but admire his service and hope that his distinguished tenure stands as an example to all officers.

Chief Alan Vodicka, a native Chicagoan raised in Mount Greenwood on the Southwest Side of the city, began his longstanding career with the Hickory Hills Police Department in 1976 after earning a B.A. from the University of Illinois Chicago Circle Campus that same year. Throughout his time with the Hickory Hills Police Department, he has served in many capacities, ranging from a Patrol and Juvenile Officer to Supervisor of Investigation, with his career eventually culminating in a promotion to Chief of Police in 2001. He has also served as President of the 5th District Chief of Police and the Hickory Hills Pension Board, Chairman of the 5th District SWAT, and Director for both the Southwest Major Crimes Task Force and the South Suburban Major Crimes Task Force.

Chief Vodicka also earned an M.A. in Criminal Justice from the University of Illinois Chicago, an M.Ed. from the University of Illinois in Instructional Leadership, and studied at the Illinois Law Enforcement Executive Institute. He has shared his expertise with others, serving as a member of the faculty at Moraine Valley Community College and as Vice President of the North Palos School District 117 Board. He takes pride in working with various civic organizations and particularly enjoys engaging with youth. As an active volunteer coach with the Hickory Hills Park District and the Hickory Hills Youth Baseball, Chief Vodicka has shown a well-rounded and genuine commitment to his community.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Chief Alan T. Vodicka. This outstanding public servant has devoted his life to keeping the citizens of Hickory Hills safe and has improved the lives of countless individuals. I congratulate him on his accomplishments, thank him for his service, and wish him well in his future endeavors.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF OFFICER GIBSON'S DISTINGUISHED ACTIONS ON SEPTEMBER 21, 2018

HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2018

Mr. COOK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the heroic efforts of Officer David Gibson in preventing loss of life while in the line of duty.

On September 21, 2018 Officer Gibson came to assist a woman threatening to drive

her car off a cliff, in an apparent suicide attempt. While another officer distracted the woman, Officer Gibson rushed to her vehicle from the opposite side, jumped in through an open window through the passenger's side and shut down the vehicle, risking great personal harm but successfully halting its movement further off the cliff. The woman fought with Officer Gibson to restart the vehicle, but both officers were able to regain control and prevent her from turning on the vehicle again. Afterwards she was taken into custody and transported to a medical facility.

Officer Gibson demonstrated extreme devotion to his duty and the protection of others by endangering himself in an effort to save the life of another. These actions are honorable and representative of the great lengths our first responders go to better keep our community safe. On behalf of the United States House of Representatives, I thank Officer Gibson. His actions are recognized and it is an honor to have him serving the constituents of California's Eighth Congressional District.

STANDING WITH THE UKRAINIAN PEOPLE AGAINST RUSSIAN AGGRESSION

HON. RICK LARSEN

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2018

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to support H. Res. 1162 and voice my outrage at continued Russian violations of Ukrainian sovereignty.

The list of Russian provocations is lengthy.

Russia has fueled the war in the Donbas, first by providing material and mercenary support to armed separatists and later by sending in troops to fight directly. Russia also illegally invaded and occupied the Crimean Peninsula. Additionally, Russian-backed separatists using Russian-supplied weaponry shot down a passenger airliner, killing 298 innocent civilians. To this day, Russia refuses to accept responsibility despite overwhelming evidence. Most recently, Russian ships seized and boarded Ukrainian vessels sailing between two Ukrainian ports in the Kerch Strait, detaining Ukrainian sailors. This violation of international law cannot go unmet.

What happens to Ukraine matters to the United States because violations of international borders and maritime law harm the United States. The United States benefits greatly from the rules-based order it set up with a coalition of countries after World War II. Any violation of these rules and norms must be responded to appropriately. Now that H. Res. 1162 has passed on voice vote, I call on my colleagues in Congress and the administration to explore further ways to hold Russia accountable for its blatant violations of Ukrainian sovereignty. Finally, as the Ukrainian government works to strengthen transparency and the rule of law, I urge my colleagues in Congress to be willing partners to secure the benefits of democracy and stability for the Ukrainian people.