

RECOGNIZING LOUIS LOADER FOR THE 2018 MONTANA CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION

HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2018

Mr. GIANFORTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Louis Loader of Hobson, a recipient of the 2018 Montana Congressional Veteran Commendation for his service to his country and leadership in his community.

Mr. Loader served his country proudly in the United States Navy as an Operations Specialist aboard the U.S.S. *Boxer*. He was on active duty in the Korean Theater during the Korean War. He also served for 6 years in the U.S. Navy Reserve, retiring from duty in 1960.

Mr. Loader's contributions to his small community of Hobson are felt on many levels. He is appreciated by the elderly in town for voluntarily cutting their grass or meeting their needs no matter what the call.

He is appreciated by the fire and rescue personal for being a willing volunteer and responding to emergencies in the remote Sapphire Village area.

Mr. Loader is appreciated as a "model citizen" and an "integral part of this small community," says Hobson neighbor Christy Potter.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in commending Louis Loader for his dedication and service.

HONORING RYAN HOU

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on behalf of the entire 6th Congressional District of Indiana, to recognize Ryan Hou for his contribution to the City of Columbus and our state.

Ryan is a hard worker and has had an incredible career as a job creator in Indiana. He started LHP Engineering Solutions in 2001, which provides engineering and technology integration services for major U.S. corporations. The company has offices all over the world and employs more than 100 Hoosiers in Columbus. Ryan is also very engaged in the community and has volunteered his time and resources for countless community efforts.

On a personal note, Ryan is a loyal friend, trusted advisor and longtime supporter of my work in Congress. I will always appreciate Ryan's positive spirit and wise counsel. If you are having a tough time, you can count on Ryan to remind you of the extraordinary opportunity each day brings.

I want to thank Ryan for his friendship and loyalty to me over all these years. I wish him continued success in all that God has planned for his family.

HONORING DARLENE GUTHRIE

HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. WALORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor retired Elkhart Police Officer Darlene Guthrie. Her acts of selflessness, sacrifice, and public service have distinguished her among her peers, and she is well-deserving of recognition.

For 20 years, Darlene served as a police officer with the Elkhart Police Department, displaying a dedication to public safety and commitment to service that have truly made northern Indiana a better place to live. Now Darlene is serving her fellow Hoosiers by joining the Indiana Reserve Guard.

Darlene has also spent countless hours rescuing animals, helping her neighbors get back on their feet, and volunteering in her community. She combined her experience in law enforcement with her passion for animals to become a nationally certified Animal Cruelty Investigator, eventually taking on the role of re-writing Elkhart County's Animal Ordinance and updating the Elkhart Police Department's animal law summary. And she served on the Elkhart County Humane Society's Board for four years and even became interim director.

She goes above and beyond in everything she does, and her drive to make a difference has not only shined light on the causes closest to her heart but has made her a local leader that organizations and institutions look to for guidance. Her distinguished leadership and love of family, community, and country are what brought her to her most recent accomplishment at the age of 52: graduating from the Indiana Guard Reserve Basic Training on December 15, 2018.

Darlene's determination to never give up no matter what life brings is an inspiration to us all and teaches a positive message of perseverance. We can all learn from someone who never shies away from a challenge and always strives to do what is right. It is a privilege to represent Hoosiers like Darlene who continue to strengthen our community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Darlene Guthrie for her honorable service to the northern Indiana community, and congratulating her on her graduation to become a member of the Indiana Guard Reserve. Darlene is a role model, a leader, and a dedicated public servant who inspires us all.

DEPARTURE OF THOMAS HUNGAR FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2018

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Thomas G. Hungar for his dedicated service to the House of Representatives and specifically to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. Hungar had a storied legal career before becoming General Counsel to the House in 2016. He quickly became a trusted advisor to House Members, Officers, and staff on a

variety of legal issues, and he has vigorously defended the institutional prerogatives of the House.

Of special importance to the Committee on Ways and Means, Mr. Hungar greatly assisted our Members and staff in fulfilling the Committee's important constitutional oversight role. His expertise and guidance in connection with the Committee's investigative and oversight activities, as well as its interactions with the Executive Branch, have been invaluable.

The Committee has benefited greatly from Mr. Hungar's counsel and litigation expertise. Mr. Hungar served the House with distinction, and he will be greatly missed. On behalf of the many Members of the Committee on Ways and Means, and the Committee staff, I say thank you. We extend to him our very best wishes.

RECOGNIZING DOUGLAS MASON FOR THE 2018 MONTANA CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION

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Mr. GIANFORTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Douglas Mason of Corvallis, a recipient of the Montana Congressional Veteran Commendation for his service to his country and leadership in his community.

Mr. Mason joined the United States Army in 1981 and served with the Second Ranger Battalion, seeing action in Grenada in 1983. His military career included service as a Special Forces Green Beret Sergeant, and after being commissioned an officer through ROTC, he obtained the rank of Captain in the Infantry. He is a decorated veteran, and among his commendations are the Army Achievement Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, and the Valorous Unit Award, which recognizes extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy of the United States.

After serving his country, Mr. Mason became Post Commander of Corvallis American Legion Post 91, using his leadership skills to promote patriotism and respect for veterans and the military. He helped establish the Corvallis Veterans Monument, expanded the Memorial Day parade, and established the Veterans Day Parade. He was a driving force behind the creation of U.S. and POW flag displays along Corvallis' Main Street and each year he teaches flag etiquette to students in the community.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in commending Douglas Mason for his dedication and service.

IN RECOGNITION OF FILIPINO VETERANS AND THEIR SERVICE DURING WORLD WAR II

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2018

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Filipino veterans for their courageousness and selflessness in defense of our