

of Saturn. Edward was eventually promoted to Spacecraft Operations Shift Supervisor, giving him increased responsibility and oversight of a team of Link Operators.

Edward Messer retired from NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory on September 28, 2018. Edward's commitment to his work and scientific endeavor has greatly contributed to our understanding of the solar system. On behalf of the United States House of Representatives, I thank Mr. Messer for all his contributions towards our local community and the future planetary advances that will result from his work.

IN MEMORY OF OFFICER HUNTER
EDWARDS, WINCHESTER POLICE
DEPARTMENT

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2018

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep regret and sadness that I rise to share with you and our colleagues, the tragic news about the passing of a community hero of Winchester, Virginia, Police Officer Hunter Edwards. Officer Edwards is the second Winchester police officer to have died in the line of duty and the residents of the close-knit community of Winchester and the Northern Shenandoah Valley are in profound grief over this tragedy.

On November 24th, Officer Edwards died after his police cruiser skidded on a downhill, rain-slicked section of road and tragically crashed into a tree as he was quickly responding to a call for help at a residence where a major altercation had broken out. Only 30 years old and recently married, Hunter had begun to experience the joy and satisfaction of family life with his wife, Tara Markley, and their four-year-old son, Landon. And since becoming a member of the Winchester Police Department in the summer of 2014, Hunter's professionalism and dedication to duty had resulted in his being assigned to the Civil Disturbance Unit and the SWAT Team, and as a field training officer for the Department. He had also earlier worked as a police officer with the Defense Intelligence Agency.

As a nation of freedom-loving people, we are deeply grateful to our national and community heroes, without whose selfless sacrifice we know, for a certainty, that we would not be free. When we tuck our children and grandchildren into bed at night, and turn out the lights in our homes, we rest assured that heroes like Hunter Edwards, who was working the second shift from 2:30 p.m. until 2:00 a.m., are protecting us from all evil and danger.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and our colleagues to join me in echoing the sentiments of a grateful nation for the courageous service of Police Officer Hunter Edwards, and in expressing prayers for Officer Edwards' family as they cope with this tragic and untimely loss. May we be forever inspired by the duty and sacrifice of Officer Hunter Edwards, to acknowledge and support our police officers, sheriff's deputies, fire fighters and other first responders and their families, and do whatever we can in our own lives, to build stronger, safer communities in which to live.

IN RECOGNITION OF SPENCER
WONG

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 Mr. Spencer Wong as he retires as Chief of the Labor Market Information Division in the State of California Employment Development Department (EDD). As colleagues, friends and family gather to honor his work, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring him for his leadership and his dedication to the people of California.

For four decades, Mr. Wong has devoted his life's work to the employment, labor, and research fields, thirty-eight of those years in the State of California Employment Development Department. At both the state and federal levels, Mr. Wong has been a leader in the labor market information (LMI) arena. The list of Mr. Wong's accomplishments is long. Mr. Wong implemented the integration of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act by developing products and services that enhance services to the people of California. He continually stayed ahead of changing technology, legislation and processes. Mr. Wong also developed and launched the new EDD Data Library, which ensures delivery of data in the most cost efficient, timely and accurate manner.

Mr. Wong has served the State well in his multiple capacities. He is currently the State Co-Chairperson for the Current Employment Statistics (CES) Policy Council where he has worked diligently to restore communication between the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) and the states. He serves on the Board of the LMI Institute, and has served on the National Association of Statewide Agencies (NASWA) committee and other councils. Mr. Wong also participates on the statewide California Drought Taskforce and provides data for drought impact studies conducted by California University of Davis researchers. He has also created The Regional Analysis and Support Group (RASG), which strives to meet the goals of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to congratulate Mr. Spencer Wong for forty years of successful leadership and service to the State of California. He leaves behind a legacy that is hard to match. I ask all my colleagues to join me in acknowledging his outstanding accomplishments and wish Mr. Wong the best in his retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2018

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to cast votes on the following legislative measures. If I were present for roll call votes, I would have voted "No" for the following vote:

Roll No. 423, November 29, 2018: On Agreeing to the Resolution, H. Res. 1160, Providing for consideration of the Senate amend-

ment to the bill (H.R. 88) to modify the boundary of the Shiloh National Military Park located in Tennessee and Mississippi, to establish Parker's Crossroads Battlefield as an affiliated area of the National Park System, and for other purposes.

If I were present for roll call votes, I would have voted "Aye" for the following votes:

Roll No. 424, November 29, 2018: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 7187, the National Flood Insurance Program Further Extension Act; and

Roll No. 425, November 30, 2018: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, H.R. 6901, the Federal CIO Authorization Act of 2018.

RECOGNIZING MARTEL REUM FOR
THE 2018 MONTANA CONGRES-
SIONAL VETERAN COMMENDA-
TION

HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2018

Mr. GIANFORTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Martel Reum of Wolf Point, a recipient of the 2018 Montana Congressional Veteran Commendation for his service to his country and leadership in his community.

Mr. Reum served for 13 years in the United States Army. His service included two tours in Bosnia and Herzegovina. He was also an Army recruiter. Mr. Reum was recognized by the Army for his meritorious service and achievements and awarded multiple commendations, including the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, and the Gold Recruiter Badge.

In service to his community, Mr. Reum is a Student Success Advocate at Fort Peck Community College, where he helps students and veterans reach their educational goals through the college's TRIO program. He is continuing his own education in Human Services with the goal of helping members of his community be free from chemical addiction.

As a member of the Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes, Mr. Reum is helping to promote the traditions of his tribe and preserve the Assiniboine language, teaching language classes at Fort Peck Community College. He also serves on the Fort Peck Assiniboine Council and volunteers at tribal and community ceremonies.

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

HONORING MAJOR SHANE BRIONES

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2018

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the exemplary service of Major Shane Briones as an Army Congressional Fellow and Congressional Budget Liaison for the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Financial Management and Comptroller). Major Briones is transitioning from his current assignment to serve as a Plans Officer for U.S. Army Europe.