

council presidents and prime ministers, Fortune 100 CEOs and professional sports franchises, nonprofit directors and Hollywood creatives. He served as a consultant to NBC's *The West Wing*, one of the most popular and universally-loved television shows in recent memory.

Dr. Luntz is a celebrated author, with three books on the New York Times Best Sellers list: *Words that Work: It's Not What You Say it's What People Hear*, *What Americans Really Want Really*, and *WIN*. Additionally, he has written about the power of language for *The Wall Street Journal*, *The New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Financial Times*, *The Times of London*, and *The Washington Post*.

Luntz is dedicated to teaching the next generation of thought-leaders, instructing young scholars at the University of Pennsylvania, Harvard University and The George Washington University.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring and commending Dr. Frank Luntz for his outstanding contributions and dedication to communications and political scholarship, our nation and the people who serve it. We wish him continued success in his future endeavors.

REP. JOE BARTON FAREWELL

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 19, 2018

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to recognize my fellow Texan, Representative JOE BARTON. The longest serving member in the Texas delegation and eighth most senior in the House, he has spent his 34 year career working for our country and the people of the sixth district.

JOE has a passion for politics and Texas A&M that is rarely matched. Since his time as a fellow in the Reagan White House almost four decades ago, he has continually championed conservative principles.

JOE has been a coach, manager, and player for the Republican baseball team since 1986 and has received several MVP Pitcher awards.

Last year, he and two of his sons were at what seemed like a typical early morning baseball practice that soon became a field of violence. During the ten minutes of shooting, and in the weeks following, he showed perseverance and resolve.

JOE has represented his constituents well for many years. I wish him a happy retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF KRISTA JOY MARTINELLI

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 19, 2018

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Krista Joy Martinelli as she ends her service as City Clerk of the City of South San Francisco. It's unusual to have an attorney as a city clerk, but Krista is unusually committed to helping others.

A California city clerk has many important duties. The clerk runs local elections, docu-

ments the development and passage of local ordinances, provides public records under the Public Records Act and the Political Reform Act, and ensures that public meetings are held in compliance with California's open meeting law known as the Brown Act. On ceremonial occasions, the clerk's office will often organize events. In all circumstances, a city clerk must be accountable to the public and supportive of the efficient operations of all city departments.

Krista Martinelli excelled in the performance of her duties. As an attorney, she recognized that a foundation of good government is accurate recordkeeping and ready access to information by all. As the duties of her job multiplied under numerous new mandates, she and her team managed compliance despite a tripling of compliance obligations. She advocated for the public and offered efficient administration of local elections. Residents could always count on Krista to produce records in a timely and accurate manner.

In her extended professional life, Krista served on numerous statewide committees that support the duties of a city clerk, including the League of California Cities' Administrative Policy Committee and she worked in the state legislature to support needed changes in the law. As if all that wasn't enough to occupy her time, she has co-authored five publications and authored two.

She is leaving public life to again work as an attorney and to advocate for children with special education needs. Her hard-working autistic son, Noah, is the inspiration for her next phase in life. Using skills honed as a seasoned litigator during her early years out of law school, she will be negotiating and mediating on behalf of children who need representation before school districts. She will be a powerful advocate for parents seeking equal education opportunities for their children. She hopes to build collaborative relationships between teachers, school administrators and parents throughout all phases of the IEP process. She holds a BS in Human Development and Family Studies from Cornell University and a Juris Doctor from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law. She is a member of the State Bar of California.

Life tosses us curveballs. In Krista's case, she's excelled in every undertaking. Now, out of dedication to others like Noah, she will begin a new phase and we will all be better off due to this new way in which she will serve the public's interest. We want to thank her husband, Greg Elliott, and her children Noah, Lucca, Santino, and Pia, who have allowed us to share Krista's time with them. She is a woman of faith and active in All Soul's Church. Her faith and her optimism will buoy her during this next adventure. I have always been impressed with Krista, her work ethic and professionalism. We in the community wish her well and we are blessed that she will remain a neighbor and friend for years to come.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2, AGRICULTURE AND NUTRITION ACT OF 2018

SPEECH OF

HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 12, 2018

Mr. DeFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, I will vote in support of H.R. 2, the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018, also known as the Farm bill.

The bill contains many of my priorities. As the author of the 1990 Organic Food Production Act and co-chair of the House Organic Caucus, I am pleased the conference report includes robust funding to help conventional producers transition to organic farming, strong research funding, and new authority for organic producers to be eligible for conservation programs when previously the programs were only available to conventional farmers. The bill also maintains current SNAP benefit levels, increases funding for food bank programs, including The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP), and keeps separate funding streams for the Environmental Quality Incentive Program and the Conservation Stewardship Program.

However, the bill maintains the current agricultural subsidy programs, which I strongly oppose. The subsidies are only supposed to go to those "actively engaged in farming." Yet under the bill, the nearly \$900 billion in subsidies continue to be skewed towards wealthy individuals and mega-farms at the expense of small and medium-sized farms. In fact, the Environmental Working Group found that 18,000 Americans living in urban areas received more than \$63 million in subsidies in 2015 and 2016.

Not only do the subsidy loopholes from previous Farm bills remain, they are made even worse in this newest Farm bill, which expands the definition of "actively engaged in farming" to nieces, nephews and cousins—even if they have never set foot on the farm.

Real farmers, especially small- and medium-sized family farms, are in the middle of one of the worst economic downturns in decades, and they need and deserve our help before they are forced to sell their farms and lose their way of life. While the Farm bill contained many improvements to previous bills, the lack of reform and the expansion of subsidy program eligibility is outrageous. I will continue working to reform agricultural subsidy programs to ensure that the benefits go to small- and medium-sized farms, and only to those that actually work the land.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF DAVID G. QUEEN, JR.

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 19, 2018

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of David G. Queen, Jr., and commemorate the noticeable impact that he made on the lives of others.

Mr. Queen excelled in athletics at a young age. He trained with the elite Miami Northwest Express Track Club under the tutelage of legendary Coach Jesse Holt, Jr. As a member of