

behavioral health challenges facing Virginians. He traveled the state and worked with public officials, medical professionals, and all invested in our Commonwealth to find answers. Before the tragic car accident, he had been in Harrisonburg attending a conference of advocates for Virginians with intellectual and developmental disabilities, where he gave a speech and talked with the attendees.

In addition, Madam Speaker, I knew him and talked to him over the years about health challenges in our home of Southwest Virginia, including the opioid crisis. As was typical, I last saw him volunteering his time alongside his wife Dr. Sarah Melton at the Remote Area Medical clinic in Wise on June 29. It is a loss for all the Commonwealth of Virginia and particularly Southwest Virginia.

He is survived by Sarah, daughters Maggie and Claire, and his father Howard. My prayers are with them. As they grieve the loss of their family member, Virginia grieves the loss of an outstanding public servant.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF KENNETH
HOFMANN

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 9, 2019

Mr. DeSAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of Bay Area businessman and devoted philanthropist Kenneth Hofmann.

Ken was born February 15, 1923 in Oakland, California. He graduated from Fremont High School in Oakland and later attended Saint Mary's College in Moraga before embarking on a successful career in home-building in 1948 as a plastering contractor.

In 1957, Ken founded his real estate development company, Hofmann Company. By the mid-1980s, Hofmann Company had built more than 30,000 homes and apartments and more than \$150 million worth of commercial and industrial properties. In recognition of this remarkable achievement, Ken was inducted into the California Building Industry Association's hall of fame class of 1986.

Throughout his life, Ken used his success in real estate to enrich and give back to his community. A true philanthropist, Ken was a supporter of youth sports and education. For nearly 30 years, Ken donated millions to De La Salle High School, helping finance new facilities, and he opened the De La Salle Academy to provide food, books, and tutors to underprivileged students. Additionally, Ken was an ardent supporter and benefactor of the Saint Mary's Athletics Program. He was named SMC Alumnus of the Year in 1983 and served as both a Regent and a Trustee over the course of two decades.

Ken was an avid outdoorsman and provided the leadership and assistance necessary to jump-start the creation of the Pacific Flyaway Center, a project that is currently seeking final permits. Passionate about wildlife and waterfowl, Ken dreamed of creating the Center to showcase the story of the primary north-south route for migratory birds in the Western U.S.

Ken is survived by Jean, his wife for 60 years, and their two daughters Lori and Lisa. Ken's contributions to the Bay Area will be cherished, and his devotion to sports, youth, and wildlife will long be remembered.

RECOGNIZING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY FAIR

HON. DANIEL MEUSER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 9, 2019

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect and excitement that I rise today to honor the Northumberland County Fair on its 20th Anniversary.

For two decades the Northumberland County Fair has brought communities together to share in the county's traditions and achievements. What began as an exhibition for local 4-H programs has quickly become a community staple. The fair showcases the county's extensive achievements in agriculture, crafts, baking, gardening, and so much more. As they say, "If you don't learn something at the fair, you just aren't paying attention."

Representative FRED KELLER and I ask our colleagues to join us in congratulating the Northumberland County Fair on twenty incredible years celebrating our communities. May this tradition continue for many years to come.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF MR.
ROBERT HERRING

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 9, 2019

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Robert Spencer Herring, who passed away on Monday, August 5th at the age of 79.

Robert, a lifelong resident of Guntown, Mississippi, dedicated his life to bettering his community.

He served Lee County as both the Justice Court Judge and the Sheriff for two terms. Robert was also a former Mayor of Guntown. He and his wife, Jo Ann, attended Guntown First Baptist Church.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife, Jo Ann Robison Herring of Guntown; his sons—Barry Herring of Hattiesburg and Darren Herring of Guntown; his six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren as well as many more family members and friends.

Robert's life was one of service, grace, love for his family, and community. He will be greatly missed by all whom he encountered.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE
MARGIE N. GARRETT

HON. NANETTE DIAZ BARRAGÁN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 9, 2019

Ms. BARRAGÁN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the extraordinary life of the Honorable Margie N. Garrett, Trustee of the Compton Unified School District Board of Education.

Beginning as a Noon Duty Aide before going on to be a Head Start Teacher, State Preschool Teacher and Kindergarten Teacher at Carver Elementary School in Compton,

Garrett's career as an educator spanned four decades prior to her retirement in 2009.

During her decades-long career as an educator, Garrett served as President and Vice President of the Board of Directors, Bargaining Committee Chairperson and as Political Action Chairperson for the Compton Education Association—she was honored for her work with the California Teachers Association South-eastern Service Center.

Margie N. Garrett was first elected to the Compton Unified School District Governing Board of Trustees in 2009 and was re-elected in 2013. As a trustee, Garrett served as President and Vice President to the Board and led Compton Unified School District's legislative advocacy in Washington, D.C. and Sacramento, California.

Garrett's fight for and commitment to educational excellence and a cleaner and safer learning environment for students was unwavering. Her passion and dedication improved working conditions and installed career pathways for district employees. Her advocacy and leadership helped decrease Compton Unified School District's dropout rate and improved access to early childhood education.

I, along with the residents of California's 44th Congressional District, mourn the passing of the Honorable Margie N. Garrett and celebrate her service and the indelible impact she has had on the students of the Compton Unified School District.

CELEBRATING NATIONAL HEALTH
CENTER WEEK

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 9, 2019

Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to join East Hill Family Medical in Auburn, New York in recognizing National Health Center Week from August 4, 2019 through August 18, 2019. This week honors the significant impact of Community Health Centers, like East Hill Family Medical, on America's healthcare system. For over 50 years, Community Health Centers have provided high-quality, affordable, and comprehensive primary and preventative healthcare services in our nation's underserved communities.

As the country's largest primary care network, Community Health Centers currently serve 28 million Americans across the country. These centers are a critical element of our healthcare system, providing healthcare to both rural and urban populations. Often, Community Health Centers serve as the only accessible and dependable source of primary care for underserved communities.

Every day, Community Health Centers work to develop new approaches to healthcare, integrating a wide-range of services beyond just primary care. Further, they are on the frontlines of emerging healthcare crises, providing access to care for our nation's veterans, addressing the opioid epidemic, and responding to public health threats in the wake of natural disasters.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me during National Health Center Week in recognizing the great contributions of East Hill Family Medical in Auburn, New York as well as Community Health Centers across the country.