

the future. I wish the leaders and members of the Council the best as they continue to support workers in the building trades by standing up for better wages, safer working conditions, modernized job training, and additional family-sustaining job opportunities for our workforce.

IN HONOR OF GARY GRUNAU

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 2019

Ms. MOORE. Madam Speaker, I rise to express my deepest condolences on the passing of Gary Grunau a Milwaukee real estate developer and civic leader. Gary was born on April 17, 1939, in Bay View, Wisconsin, and lived his entire life in Milwaukee. He was a loving husband, father, uncle, grandfather, brother, relative, and friend to many here in Milwaukee.

Gary left his home to attend Cornell University, but knew that Milwaukee was where he belonged. Upon earning his degree in mechanical engineering, he returned home to join Grunau Co. Inc, a business started by his grandfather. In the late 70's, the company was working on the Hyatt Regency construction project in downtown Milwaukee, but Gary had to step in as the developer to complete the project. He was the developer on several major projects in the city including the Wisconsin Center, Discovery World at Pier Wisconsin, Manpower Group World Headquarters, the Milwaukee Riverwalk System, and the former Time Warner Building. However, he is best known for revitalizing the former Joseph Schlitz Brewing Co. complex into one of Milwaukee's most desirable working environments, the Schlitz Park office complex. Gary's projects won numerous awards including the Urban Land Institute (ULI) Achievement Award, The National Council for Urban Economic Development Award and the ULI's 2017-2018 Global Award of Excellence for the Milwaukee Riverwalk, considered among the world's highest honors from land use experts. He also led and served on many boards, including the Milwaukee Academy of Science, Discovery World, Alverno College Board of Trustees, Milwaukee Riverwalk District, Spirit of Milwaukee, and the Greater Milwaukee Committee.

Gary wanted to make Milwaukee a better place for all its residents. He was committed to addressing the racial and economic disparities that have plagued our city. He was disturbed by our city's status as one of the most segregated communities in the country and knew that the lack of affordable housing and support for public schools, prevented the upward mobility for people living in our poorest zip codes. In an article two years ago, Gary said that "Segregation hurts the city's economic competitiveness, but not enough is being done about it . . . the lack of inclusion hurts us downtown. It hurts us in education. It hurts us nationally." He took those words to his heart and didn't simply talk the talk, he walked it; raising millions of dollars to improve education and economic opportunities for the city.

Gary leaves to cherish his memory his wife Joanne; sons Paul (Jeanie) Grunau, Daniel Grunau, and John (Adrienne) Grunau; stepson

Jeff (Kate) MacInnes and stepdaughter Laura MacInnes; grandchildren Grace, Hank, Gus, Sadie, Alex, Jon, Grant, Andrew, Wesley, Darcy, and Wilson Grunau, and many other relatives and friends.

Gary was my friend and while our fights against injustice didn't always go our way, he stayed committed to find a way to solve problems. Even with his illness, he continued forward, focusing on his final project; revitalizing Milwaukee both economically and in terms of racial equity.

Madam Speaker, for these reasons I rise to salute Gary Grunau, a man that has positively impacted the 4th Congressional District, the State of Wisconsin, and the world.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY SENIOR CENTER NETWORK

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 2019

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the 50th Anniversary of the Grand Traverse County Senior Center Network. Through its dedicated service and steadfast devotion to its community, the Senior Center has become an indispensable part of Michigan's First District.

In 1964, community leaders Vince and Lou Ecarius launched the Adult Activity Club, a local group that met in the basement of Munson Medical Center. In 1969, the club moved to its current location in Traverse City. Following Vince and Lou's retirement in 1978, the City of Traverse City took up responsibility for the club and organized it as a part of the local government. Thanks to the support of the local community and the tireless efforts of their staff and volunteers, the Senior Center grew into the local institution it is today. Now administered by Grand Traverse County, the Senior Center Network works to provide social, wellness, and educational programs in a fun and inclusive environment for those in the community over 50. In addition to the Traverse City location, the Senior Center Network now includes satellite programming in Interlochen, Kingsley, Acme, and Fife Lake. From dances and social clubs to computer labs and exercise programs, the impact of the center's work on the people of Grand Traverse County cannot be overstated. Day after day, the Grand Traverse Senior Center Network shows what can be achieved when the people of a community work together for the common good.

Madam Speaker, it's my honor to recognize the Grand Traverse County Senior Center Network for fifty years of success and service to Northern Michigan. Michiganders can take great pride in knowing the First District is home to such dedicated citizens. On behalf of my constituents, I wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 2019

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, on Thursday, September 19, 2019, I was unable to vote on Roll Call No. 538: Passage of H.R. 4378, "Making Continuing Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2020, and for other purposes." Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

On Friday, September 20, 2019, I was unable to vote on Roll Call No. 540: Passage of H.R. 1423, "Forced Arbitration Injustice Repeal Act." Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF CHIEF DAVID HUERTA

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 2019

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to the life of Fresno State Police Chief David Huerta. Chief Huerta passed away August 16 at the age of 68.

David was born on May 10, 1951 and was a lifelong resident of Fresno County. He received his bachelor's degree in Organizational Behavior from the University of San Francisco in 1989 and his master's degree in Criminology from California State University, Fresno (Fresno State) in 1992, graduating with distinction.

David's career was dedicated to serving and protecting the people of the Central Valley. He served the Department with the Fresno County Sheriff's office for 30 years, he retired with the rank of lieutenant. His career did not stop at his retirement. David was named chief of police and director of public safety of the Fresno State Police Department in 2004.

At Fresno State, he oversaw 27 officers and over 30 non-sworn full-time staff. Along with many other responsibilities, his department also oversaw the emergency preparedness and business continuity at Fresno State. Because of his diligence, the Fresno State Police Department became an International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators (IACLEA) accredited department in June 2019.

In addition to his responsibilities as police chief, David taught criminology classes as adjunct faculty at National University and at the Clovis Unified School District's Regional Occupation Program. He was also a member of the advisory panel of the Public Safety Pathway program at the Reagan Educational Center in Clovis.

David received many accolades during his career. He was awarded a distinguished service medal in SWAT for 22-plus years of work and was named officer of the year by the American Legion, in addition to many honors with the Sheriffs Department.

David is survived by his wife, Cynthia, and their four children, Breanne, Austin, Brandt, Carragan, son-in-law Steve, daughter-in-law Liz and 3 grandchildren, Micaela, Allison, and Brixton. David is also survived by his father Pete, his brother, Michael Huerta and sister, Teresa Larkin.