

the District Attorney's Office. He began as a front-line investigator and was promoted through the ranks of the Bureau, culminating in his appointment as Chief of the Bureau of Investigation in February of 2007, where he manages 48 peace officers and 20 civilian employees.

As he rose through the Bureau, Chief Briner served as Supervising Senior District Attorney Investigator and Deputy Chief Investigator before his appointment as Chief of the Bureau of Investigation. During his tenure with the Bureau, he has served in the Sexual Assault/Family Protection Unit, Special Investigations/Criminal Intelligence Unit, Political Corruption Unit, Major Crimes Unit, Supervisor of the Welfare Fraud Unit, Supervisor of the Major Crimes Unit, and Deputy Chief of the Criminal Division.

Chief Briner is an active member of the FBI-Law Enforcement Executive Development Association. He also regularly attends meetings of the Ventura County Law Enforcement Coordinating Committee and chairs the Chiefs' Committee of the California District Attorney Investigators' Association. He holds an associate of science degree in administration of justice and a bachelor of arts degree in leadership. Chief Briner also has attended formal training from the State of California Department of Justice in supervision, management, and executive development.

Outside the office, Chief Briner enjoys lecturing on the topic of leadership, and most recently addressed the Young Leaders of Santa Maria. One of his greatest gifts is mentoring and encouraging young people, from little leaguers on the baseball field, to young college students at local universities, to newly hired investigators.

He also enjoys motorcycle riding, fishing, adventures in his motor home, playing golf with his son, Tyson, playing softball, and spending time with family and friends.

The Chief and his wife, Gail, will celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary in July. Chief Briner is an avid Dodger baseball fan and he and Gail often follow the team to spring training and attend many season games. He also enjoys photography and taking in nature.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues join me in thanking Chief Briner for his lifetime of public service and in wishing him good health and many years of continued happiness with his family.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. BYUNG WOOK YOON AND NATIONAL KOREAN AMERICAN DAY

HON. MAXINE WATERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 29, 2012

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Korean American Day, I would like to recognize the 109th anniversary of the first Korean immigrants to arrive in the United States and the achievements of the Korean-American responsible for bringing both this day and the importance of the contributions of Korean-Americans to light, Dr. Byung Wook Yoon.

In 2003, Dr. Yoon, then President of the Southern California Centennial Committee of Korean Immigration to the United States,

began the campaign to establish a national Korean American Day. In 2004, when Dr. Yoon became president of the Korean-American Foundation, he formed the National Committee of Korean American Day. Under his leadership in 2005, the committee claimed victory when the U.S. Senate (S. 283) and U.S. House of Representatives (H.R. 487) passed resolutions supporting the goals and ideals of Korean American Day and establishing an annual celebration recognizing the many contributions of Americans of Korean descent to the life and cultural fabric of the United States.

Aside from spearheading the campaign to establish Korean American Day, Dr. Yoon has accomplished a great deal in his lifetime. He is the recipient of the Presidential Award from the Republic of Korea, the Grand Award for World Korean Day from the World Korean Interchange and Cooperation Association, and the Grand Award for Korean American Day from the Korean-American Foundation. Dr. Yoon was also selected as one of the one hundred honorable Korean immigrants to the United States by the Korean-American History Museum.

All his life, Dr. Yoon has demonstrated his leadership and dedication to the Korean-American community through his support of non-profit and service organizations. For example, he is responsible for community oriented service projects such as Korean-American Respect for the Environment, KARE, and has served as the Honorary National Chairman of the Korean-American Foundation USA. He has also served three times as Chairman of the Korean Institute of Southern California.

On behalf of all of my colleagues within the U.S. House of Representatives I would like to honor Dr. Byung Wook Yoon for his outstanding work in raising awareness to the many contributions Korean-Americans have made in every facet of American society. In honor of Dr. Yoon's work, I introduced H.Res. 599. The resolution honors him for his outstanding service on behalf of the Korean American community. The resolution reads:

Whereas on January 13, 2012, the Korean American community in the United States celebrated Korean American Day initiated by Dr. Yoon.

Whereas this year marks the 109th anniversary of the first Korean immigrants to arrive in the United States.

Whereas in 2003, Dr. Yoon, then President of the Southern California Centennial Committee of Korean Immigration to the United States, began the campaign to establish a national Korean American Day.

Whereas in 2003, the Korean American Foundation was founded as the successor of the Centennial Committee of Korean Immigration with the goals of fostering pride in Korean cultural heritage and traditions as well as establishing Korean American Day.

Whereas in 2004, Dr. Yoon became president of the Korean American Foundation, forming the National Committee of Korean American Day, successfully campaigning for the passage of legislation recognizing Korean American Day on the Federal, State, and local levels.

Whereas on October 20, 2005, the U.S. Senate passed S. Res. 283, "Recognizing the contributions of Korean Americans to the United States and encouraging the celebration of Korean American Day".

Whereas on December 13, 2005, the U.S. House of Representatives passed H. Res. 487 "Supporting the goals and ideals of Korean American Day", recognizing the many contributions of Americans of Korean descent to

the life and cultural fabric of the United States.

Whereas Dr. Yoon is the recipient of the Presidential Award from the Republic of Korea.

Whereas Dr. Yoon received the first Grand Award for World Korean Day from the World Korean Interchange and Cooperation Association.

Whereas Dr. Yoon was honored with the first Grand Award for Korean American Day from the Korean American Foundation.

Whereas Dr. Yoon was selected as one of a group of 100 honorable Korean immigrants to the United States by the Korean American History Museum.

Whereas Dr. Yoon obtained a Bachelor of Arts in Political and Diplomacy Science from Korea University and a Master of Arts in Journalism and Communication from Brigham Young University.

Whereas Dr. Yoon received honorary doctorates from Yulin University and the World Mission University.

Whereas Dr. Yoon's professional career has included serving as a correspondent to the United States for the Seoul Kyunghyang Daily Newspaper as well as a Founding Director of Business and Trade for Wilshire State Bank in Los Angeles, California, and has also served three times as Chairman of the Korean Institute of Southern California.

Whereas Dr. Yoon authored the "Korean American Legacies: Challenges and Responses", a source of inspiration for current and future generations of Korean Americans.

Whereas over many years, Dr. Yoon has demonstrated his leadership and dedication to the Korean American community through his work and support of numerous nonprofit and service organizations, including creating KARE (Korean American Respect for the Environment), and serving as the Honorary National Chairman of the Korean American Foundation USA.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the House of Representatives honors Byung Wook Yoon for his outstanding work raising awareness and recognition of the contributions Korean Americans have made in every facet of United States society.

HONORING TRAVIS LANG

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 29, 2012

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Travis Lang of the Kirksville High School Wrestling team for winning the Class 2 Missouri State Wrestling Championship in the 182-pound weight class.

Mr. Lang and his coaches should be commended for all their hard work throughout the regular season and for bringing home the state title in the Class 2 182-pound weight class to his school and community. This is his third state title.

I ask that you join me in recognizing Mr. Lang for a job well done!

RECOGNIZING THE DUNN'S 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 29, 2012

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Joe Bob and Rose Lynne