

Wurster, already a well-known Bay Area architecture firm.

Nancy married Donn in 1942, after he joined the Navy as a Lieutenant. Through her husband Donn, Nancy met my parents Fred and Janet Farr. She was present at my birth at the Children's Hospital in San Francisco on July 4, 1941. The Emmons and Farr families have been close ever since.

After the war years, the family settled in Mill Valley, California, and had three children, Zette (b. 1946), Janet (Luli, b. 1949), named after my mom Janet Farr, and Andrew Pierson Emmons (b. 1953). My mother Janet named her second daughter after her friend Nancy.

Though the Emmons separated in 1955 and were later divorced, Nancy maintained a close friendship with the Farr family.

Nancy outlived Janet, Fred and Donn and saw me, young "Sammy", get elected to Congress in 1993.

In her professional life, Nancy became very active in the local artistic community of Mill Valley, California, and was a member of the Ann O'Hanlon's "Sight and Insight" gallery. She made large sculptural collages using found objects and natural materials, which were abundant in her large garden. She also maintained a large circle of friends in the greater Bay Area, especially in San Francisco. She has outlived all of her own generation of friends, and has a special place in the lives of the children and grandchildren of that artistic and architectural community that sprang up in the Bay Area after World War II.

Mr. Speaker, I know the whole House joins me in wishing Nancy a happy, healthy and joyful year as she celebrates her 100th birthday!

HONORING LANCE CORPORAL
SCOTT SMOLIK

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2012

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to welcome home an exemplary young Marine from Illinois' 3rd District, Lance Corporal (LCpl) Scott Smolik. Having recently returned safely from his first tour in Afghanistan, it is a privilege to recognize LCpl Smolik's commitment to serving our nation.

LCpl Smolik was originally stationed with the 1st Battalion/7th Marines at Twentynine Palms Base in California. During Operation Enduring Freedom, LCpl Smolik served with the 1/7 in Southern Afghanistan, contributing to counter-insurgency efforts and support for local Afghan National Security Forces operations. While stationed in the volatile Helmand Province in the cities of Sangin and Musa Qala, his duties switched from mortarman to machine gunner atop Armored Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) vehicles, a role requiring particular fortitude and bravery.

LCpl Smolik will be welcomed by his mother, Sharon, and his younger sister and brother, Katie and Jimmy. They will be celebrating his safe arrival this Saturday, December 15, at St. Linus Catholic Church in Oak Lawn, IL.

I am proud to honor, commend, and thank LCpl Smolik for his service, and wish him the best in the future.

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF DR. CHARLES B. REED AFTER 14 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2012

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with other members of the California Delegation; Rep. LYNN WOOLSEY, Rep. KEN CALVERT, Rep. SUSAN DAVIS, Rep. HOWARD MCKEON, Rep. ZOE LOFGREN, Rep. JERRY LEWIS, Rep. NANCY PELOSI, Rep. MIKE HONDA, Rep. JERRY MCNERNEY, Rep. ANNA ESHOO, Rep. KAREN BASS, Rep. JUDY CHU, Rep. GRACE NAPOLITANO, Rep. PETE STARK, Rep. JOHN GARAMENDI, Rep. BRAD SHERMAN, Rep. MIKE THOMPSON, Rep. BARBARA LEE, Rep. LINDA SÁNCHEZ, Rep. LOIS CAPPS, Rep. JIM COSTA, Rep. MAXINE WATERS, Rep. JANICE HAHN, Rep. HENRY WAXMAN, Rep. HOWARD BERMAN, Rep. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD, Rep. ADAM SCHIFF, Rep. LORETTA SANCHEZ, Rep. XAVIER BECERRA, Rep. DORIS MATSUI, Rep. LAURA RICHARDSON, Rep. JOE BACA, Rep. JACKIE SPEIER, Rep. SAM FARR to thank Chancellor Charles B. Reed for his service to the California State University (CSU) system, California, and the country. Dr. Reed has served as the head of the California State University system for the past 14 years, and will be stepping down in the coming weeks. During his tenure, Dr. Reed demonstrated an unwavering commitment to serving the needs of all students and significantly improving access to underrepresented students.

Including his 13 years as the chancellor of the Florida State University system, Chancellor Reed spent more than a quarter-century as the leader of the country's largest higher educational systems. He earned national and international recognition as an innovator, problem-solver and strategic thinker and as one of the country's premier experts on P-16 collaboration, institutional aid, and outreach to underserved students. More than 1.5 million students have earned degrees that bear his signature.

During his time at CSU, Dr. Reed championed a number of efforts to promote access to postsecondary education for all qualified students, regardless of family background. Chancellor Reed reached beyond the walls of CSU to ensure that disadvantaged and first generation students and their families were prepared for, and had the tools to succeed in, postsecondary education. To do so, he created the "How to Get to College" poster—printed in eight different languages which describes the steps that middle and high school students and their families need to take to prepare and apply for college and financial aid. Additionally, Dr. Reed was the driving force behind efforts to enroll minority students in postsecondary education. Every February, CSU leaders visit more than 100 African-American churches in California, and the CSU system partners with the Parent Institute for Quality Education to help Latino families prepare for college success. Today, 52 percent of students at CSU are minority. CSU, under the Chancellor's direction, has become a leader in helping veterans, service members, and their families by working with California's military

base commanders and taking significant steps to make its campuses veteran friendly.

Chancellor Reed is a champion for a number of higher education issues critical not only to CSU and California, but to the country as a whole. As Chancellor, he fought for increases to the Pell Grant program, and fought to prevent eligibility changes that could have reduced aid to the neediest students. Today, CSU graduates over 35,000 Pell recipients each year. Further, Dr. Reed was a leader in designing and implementing the Voluntary System of Accountability, a program created by public colleges and universities to provide families with accessible, transparent, and comparable information about institutions of higher education. The Chancellor has also been supportive in sparking innovative approaches to teacher preparation, including using evaluation for continuous program improvement. And, Dr. Reed was a driving force behind a new California law that established a transfer Associate of Arts degree, and simplifying the process for community college students to transfer to CSU.

We again thank Dr. Reed for his service. He is an ardent supporter of CSU and a champion for affordable, high quality higher education in California and throughout the country. We hope Dr. Reed will continue to advise and engage policymakers on these issues, especially as Congress prepares for the next reauthorization of the Higher Education Act.

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IN RECOGNITION OF THE REVEREND JOHN NEWLAND MAFFITT

HON. MIKE MCINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2012

Mr. MCINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Reverend John Newland Maffitt, who was appointed Chaplain of the U.S. House of Representatives on December 6, 1941, and sworn in on December 13, 1941.

John Newland Maffitt was born in Dublin, Ireland, on December 28, 1795. His parents belonged to the established church, but Maffitt embraced the Wesleyan doctrines in 1813 and grew determined to become a minister. Upon meeting opposition at home, Maffitt immigrated to the United States in 1819, and in 1822 entered the New England conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He preached in various cities in the eastern United States before establishing "Western Methodist" in Nashville, Tennessee in 1833, in conjunction with Reverend Lewis Garrett. This church was subsequently transformed into the "Christian Advocate," and adopted as the central organ