

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me to honor Dr. Ginny Jaquith for her past and continuing service to the residents of Pacifica. Her tireless commitment and dedication have made this beloved coastal town a better and more beautiful place for everyone.

TRIBUTE TO CHANCELLOR
TIMOTHY P. WHITE

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 18, 2012

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to southern California and higher education are exceptional. The University of California has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated community leaders who willingly and unselfishly give their time and talent and make their communities a better place to live and work. Chancellor Timothy P. White is one of these individuals. After four years of service to the University of California, Riverside (UCR), he will be leaving the University of California to take a new post as Chancellor of the California State University system.

Chancellor White was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina. He later immigrated to northern California, and is a first-generation college student who has matriculated within every college system in California. After beginning at Diablo Valley Community College, he earned a Bachelor's Degree from Fresno State University, a Master's from Cal State Hayward (East Bay), and a Ph.D. in Exercise Physiology at the University of California, Berkeley. He previously held positions as Professor and Chair of the Department of Human Biodynamics at UC Berkeley, and as Professor and Chair of the Department of Movement Science and research scientist in the Institute of Gerontology at the University of Michigan. White had previously served as Dean, Provost, and Executive Vice President at Oregon State University, and came to UCR from the University of Idaho, where he had been President since August 2004. There he established a strategic direction to further the university's role as the state's land-grant and flagship research university. He is internationally recognized for his work in muscle plasticity, injury, and aging.

One of the many accomplishments during Chancellor White's tenure at UCR was the University's successful receipt of "preliminary accreditation" from the Liaison Committee on Medical Education, the national accrediting body for educational programs leading to the M.D. degree in U.S. and Canadian medical schools. This was UCR's second attempt to gain accreditation for an independent, four-year medical school. This momentous achievement was made possible due to the tremendous efforts of Chancellor White and the future Dean of the Medical School, Dr. G. Richard Olds, in partnership with local, state and federal officials, as well as community and business leaders. UCR will be able to recruit students for the charter class of 50 medical students, enrolling in August 2013.

UCR has also gained national and international recognition for excellence in research, teaching and service under Chancellor White's

tenure. UCR is ranked among the top 200 campuses around the globe in both the Shanghai Jiao Tong Academic Ranking of World Universities and the Times Higher Education rankings, and was recognized for its exceptional commitment to public service by Washington Monthly. Other accomplishments include the creation of a strategic plan to guide the institution, the announcement of the new School of Public Policy, growth of campus enrollment to almost 21,000 students, and new levels of achievement and accomplishment by faculty and students alike. In addition, under Chancellor White's guidance, Riverside was selected to host the new UCPath project, which will consolidate basic human resources operations across the entire UC system as a permanent cost-saving measure.

I have come to know Chancellor White well through many years working together on a variety of educational issues in Riverside. I can personally attest to the Chancellor's incredible work-ethic, professionalism, and positive attitude. He is married to Dr. Karen N. White, who is an Associate of the Chancellor and an assistant clinical Professor for the UCR Biomedical Sciences Program. She has been a great advocate on behalf of our veterans through the Operation Education Scholarship Program, which she founded and established on the UCR campus in 2010. They have four sons.

In light of all Chancellor White has done for the University of California and the Inland Empire, it is only fitting that he be honored as he continues his service to higher education. Chancellor White's tireless passion for public service and higher education has contributed immensely to the betterment of our region and the state and I am proud to call him a fellow community member, American and friend. I know that many community members are grateful for his service and salute him as he moves onto the next phase of his life.

IN HONOR OF ROBERT M. LIGHTFOOT, JR. ON HIS APPOINTMENT TO THE ASSOCIATE ADMINISTRATOR OF NASA

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 18, 2012

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, today I congratulate Robert M. Lightfoot, Jr., on the occasion of his appointment as the Associate Administrator for NASA, the agency's highest-ranking civil servant position. As he is the first native Alabamian to hold this position, I am pleased to stand before this body of Congress to recognize his contributions to NASA and our country.

He previously was director of NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala. Named to the position in August 2009, he headed one of NASA's largest field installations, which plays a critical role in NASA's space operations, exploration and science missions. Mr. Lightfoot managed a broad range of propulsion, scientific and space transportation activities contributing to the nation's space program.

From 2007 to 2009, Mr. Lightfoot was Deputy Director of the Marshall Space Flight Center. Lightfoot served as manager of the Space

Shuttle Propulsion Office at Marshall from 2005 to 2007, where he was responsible for overseeing the manufacture, assembly and operation of the primary shuttle propulsion elements: the main engines, external tank, solid rocket boosters and reusable solid rocket motors.

Mr. Lightfoot received a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering in 1986 from the University of Alabama. In October 2007, he was named Distinguished Departmental Fellow for the University of Alabama, Department of Mechanical Engineering. He was selected as a University of Alabama College of Engineering fellow in 2009. Lightfoot serves on the University of Alabama Mechanical Engineering Advisory Board. In 2010, he was inducted into the State of Alabama Engineering Hall of Fame.

Mr. Lightfoot has received numerous awards during his NASA career, including a NASA Outstanding Leadership medal in 2007 for exemplary leadership of the Shuttle Propulsion Office, assuring safety for the return to flight of the space shuttle. In 2006, he was awarded the Presidential Rank Award for Meritorious Executives, and in 2010 he received the Presidential Rank Award for Distinguished Executives—the highest honors attainable for federal government work. In 2000, Mr. Lightfoot received a Spaceflight Leadership Recognition Award, which recognizes leaders who exemplify characteristics necessary for success. In 1999, NASA's astronaut corps presented him with a Silver Snoopy Award, which honors individuals who have made key contributions to the success of human spaceflight missions. He also received the NASA Exceptional Achievement Medal in 1996 for significant contributions to NASA's mission.

We are thankful for the years of dedication and hard work by Robert Lightfoot. We wish him and his family the best in this new role of service to our country.

IN RECOGNITION OF THOMAS
KASTEN

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 18, 2012

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Thomas Kasten who has served on the Hillsborough City Council for twelve years, including two terms as mayor. The residents of our town are very fortunate to have benefited from the expertise and leadership of such an outstanding businessman and manager.

Tom, first elected to the city council in 2000, is currently the mayor and police commissioner. He balanced the budget both years and left the town in good financial condition. With his leadership skills he was able to calm a heated controversy about increased garbage and water rates that brought out large and vocal groups of residents. He also oversaw the approval of the largest capital expenditure plan in the town's history to replace a substantial portion of the 100-year old sewer system.

During his first term as mayor from 2004–2006, Tom had to deal with the town's fight over MacMansions replacing smaller ranch homes. He established the Zoning Study Committee and included leaders from both sides of the controversy to develop adjustments to the building code.