

In 1996, Peter was appointed Provost, the University's chief academic officer. The hallmarks of his tenure have been a multiplication of interdisciplinary programs and the internationalization of the University as a whole. He has overseen establishment of programs and initiatives—such as DukeEngage, the institution's Africa Initiative, and the Institute of Global Health—that connect faculty from different disciplines to collaborate on real-world problems, and then use that knowledge to serve society and enhance both the undergraduate and graduate educational experiences. As University President Richard Brodhead said, his impact has been deep and has extended throughout university life.

As Provost, Dr. Lange has twice overseen the development of University strategic plans, shaped resource development and allocation to best serve the University's intellectual priorities, and remained engaged on admissions, financial aid, information technology, and other facets of university life. Dr. Lange has appointed all of Duke University's current deans, as well as two-thirds of current faculty members. His vision, persistence, and administrative skill have contributed greatly to Duke's status as a world class institution.

Mr. Speaker, Peter Lange has dedicated his life to expanding intellectual horizons and the University's realms of service. The students, faculty, and staff of Duke University have benefitted immeasurably from his leadership, vision, and boundless energy. As his time as Provost comes to a close, I want to thank him for his exemplary service and congratulate him for a long and impactful career.

IN HONOR OF ANDREA STILLMAN

**HON. JOE COURTNEY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 2, 2014*

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, this year the people of Connecticut's 20th Senate district fondly say goodbye to longtime State Senator Andrea Stillman, who is retiring from office after almost 22 years of service to her community. Known both as a champion of education and a mentor to her peers, her role in influencing both young minds and fellow legislators has left a legacy to Connecticut for years to come.

Andrea's career has been marked by determination and an ability to defy expectations. First elected to the Connecticut House of Representatives from the 38th district in 1992, she

faced the daunting task of replacing another long-time public servant in Janet Polinsky, yet never backed down from the challenge. This past winter, despite health concerns that many of her colleagues expected to sideline her, Andrea persevered and continued serving her constituents in the State Senate.

In 2012, Andrea designed numerous public education reforms which will help close the achievement gap in our state, and vastly improve education from the pre-k through elementary years. Senator Stillman was also appointed by the commissioner of the State Department of Education to represent Connecticut on the New England Secondary School Consortium. Just recently, Andrea helped secure a grant for New London's Garde Arts Center that will help grow the theatre to include the New London Magnet School of Visual and Performing Arts—a critical component of New London's school system. For these efforts and countless others over the course of her career, Andrea was honored by the Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents with their 2014 Legislator Award.

Beyond education, Andrea championed local initiatives large and small to improve her community. In 2004, Andrea stood by residents of East Lyme to help preserve the Oswegatchie Hills from development, and in 2007 she co-chaired a panel of legislators that helped block a proposal to build a floating liquid natural gas platform in Long Island Sound. For years, she has been vocal in seeking to improve the transportation infrastructure of Southeastern Connecticut, pursuing the continued construction of Route 11, and holding Amtrak and Shoreline East officials accountable for the quality of services provided on local rails.

Andrea's colleagues in the state legislature will remember her leadership, her collegiality, and her deep dedication to her constituents. Sporting nicknames like the "Iron Lady of Southeastern Connecticut," the "Matriarch" and the "Den Mother" of the State Senate, it is obvious how highly regarded she is by all those whom she works with. In an era of negative politics, her colleagues have lauded her as a role model for respectful dialogue on the Senate floor.

I want to wish Andrea the most sincere of congratulations on a singular career of public service, and the best of luck in everything the future holds for her. I know she will find many more ways to contribute to the lives of residents throughout Connecticut. I ask my colleagues to please join me in recognizing Andrea's efforts.

HONORING DONALD L. SCHWARZ

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 2, 2014*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Donald L. Schwarz for his work with the Military and Veterans Appreciation Trust Foundation (MVAT). Mr. Schwarz has worked tirelessly to raise funds to assist veterans, wounded warriors and their families as well as increase awareness of veterans' issues. Mr. Schwarz's leadership and commitment to MVAT is admirable and it is therefore fitting that we honor and recognize him today.

Mr. Schwarz was born and grew up in Los Angeles, California. He attended California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, where he received a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture. After serving our country in the U.S. Armed Forces, Mr. Schwarz began a career in the securities and investment industry where he continues to work today.

In addition to his professional career, Mr. Schwarz has been a constant advocate for the veteran community. During his time as Chairman of MVAT, Mr. Schwarz has directed efforts to support Pathway Home in Yountville, California, which serves members of the active duty military and veterans who suffer from post-combat mental health challenges. Mr. Schwarz also volunteers his time to fifteen other charities that all strive to help our military and veterans and is an active participant in non-profit organizations that provide guidance to policymakers in the area of national security. He sits on the President's Executive Council of the Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation and the Board of Governors of the City of Hope Cancer and Medical Center. Mr. Schwarz is also a board member of the American Committee for the Weizmann Institute of Science and is a member of the Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs' Board of Directors.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we honor and thank Mr. Schwarz for his invaluable service to Napa County's veterans, their dependents, and survivors. Donald Schwarz's unyielding dedication to raising funds and awareness for our veterans and guiding our policymakers is greatly appreciated by the entire Napa community and we wish him further success in an already distinguished career.