

Ms. Zinser's son Philipp still serves in the U.S. Marine Corps. He is stationed at Camp Pendleton and is currently deployed to Afghanistan, where he will serve for the foreseeable future. His leadership and professionalism have been recognized, and he has attained the rank of Corporal. I thank him for his service, and pray that he stays safe while serving in a dangerous arena.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing Christine Zinser and in commending her for her tireless efforts to appropriately honor the young people in our community who choose to serve. I also would like to thank Christine's partner, Sandra Coffman, for her unyielding support and dedication. Their commitment to Our Community Salutes and to our young warriors will leave a lasting legacy and is worthy of our highest praise.

HIGHWAY 15'S JOINT PORT OF
ENTRY PROJECT

HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2014

Mr. COOK. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize an important transportation project that is currently under construction in my district, the Eighth District of California on Interstate 15 near the Nevada border. The Joint Port of Entry Project, on Interstate 15, is a vital step towards improving the safety and reliability of California's highways while also creating nearly 2,000 jobs. Planning for this project spans more than twenty years.

The first phase of this project will construct the California Highway Patrol Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Facility. This advanced design facility will help protect our roadway infrastructure from overweight vehicles entering California, which leads to the deteriorating life-span of our highways. The second phase of this project will construct the California Department of Food and Agriculture Inspection Station.

I applaud the California Department of Transportation, California Department of Food and Agriculture, California Highway Patrol, California Department of General Services, and the California Department of Finance for their coordinated efforts to bring this project to fruition.

In this final phase of construction, I also wish to recognize the Director of the Department of Transportation, Malcolm Dougherty, P.E., and District Eighth Director Basem E. Muallem, P.E, for their outstanding leadership.

IN TRIBUTE TO DEPUTY CHIEF
JIM TOOMEY

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2014

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Jim Toomey of Tolland, Connecticut who a few weeks ago stepped aside from a distinguished 42 year career as a Tolland Volunteer Firefighter. When Jim entered the department in 1972, little did he know the role and operations of a small rural

fire department in eastern Connecticut would evolve into a far more demanding mission by the end of his career.

In 1972, Tolland was a small rural community with a small force that focused on the traditional mission of fighting fires. In the years following as Tolland grew and the fire department, in turn, assumed more responsibilities, Jim joined the Dive Team, became an EMT, and after 9/11 integrated new Department of Homeland Security requirements for first responders.

In 2005, Jim became Deputy Chief and served with distinction until his retirement this year. A few weeks ago, an overflow crowd assembled to celebrate Jim's retirement at Maneley's Banquet Center in South Windsor and to shower Jim and his wife Karen, their children and grandchildren with the well-deserved accolades of his amazing career. As someone who worked with Karen in my law practice for 27 years, I saw up close the long hours he devoted to the department and the sacrifice he and his family made to serve his town so diligently and competently.

I ask my colleagues in the House to join me and his fellow citizens in thanking Jim for the outstanding example of public service he set, and for all of the people and property he protected and rescued for 42 long years.

HONORING CAFÉ LUSH

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2014

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Café Lush, and owners Tom Doherty and Sandy Gregory, on the 3rd anniversary of their distinguished local Albuquerque establishment.

Since opening in 2011, Café Lush has developed into a thriving business and popular hotspot for locals. Located in downtown Albuquerque, Café Lush features an exceptional menu that carries nutrient dense organic food and fresh seasonal produce that promotes happy, healthy, and sustainable lifestyles.

The beautiful street corner café, with its vibrant outdoor patio was not always a distinct feature in the neighborhood. In fact, before the establishment of Café Lush many restaurants unsuccessfully tried to establish themselves in the area. The location became known as a frequent site for new restaurants that would eventually close, or go out of business.

Despite this historical precedent, and a struggling economy, Café Lush launched a business model that appealed to the growing demand for locally grown healthy foods. Café Lush's fresh new take on organic ingredients with a New Mexico twist reverberated throughout the community and today the café continues to be wildly successful.

Café Lush's vision and accomplishments are an inspiration for future generations of entrepreneurs and small business owners, and demonstrate the ability of one business to change an entire neighborhood. Located next to two schools, a place of worship, and just a short walk away from the heart of downtown Albuquerque, Café Lush has reinvigorated the area and brought renewed energy to Albuquerque's scenic landscape.

I have no doubt that Café Lush will continue to have great success. Their quality food,

great customer service, and beautiful outdoor patio are what continue to make me a frequent customer. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Café Lush on these accomplishments, their 3rd anniversary and the many more to come.

RECOGNIZING THE 2014 PRINCE
WILLIAM COUNTY VALOR AWARD
RECIPIENT FROM THE OCCOQUAN
WOODBIDGE LORTON VOLUNTEER
FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2014

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding group of men and women in Northern Virginia. These individuals have demonstrated superior dedication to public safety and have been awarded the prestigious Valor Award by the Prince William County Chamber of Commerce.

The Valor Awards recognize remarkable heroism and bravery in the line of duty exemplified by our public safety agencies and their commitment to the community. Our public safety and law enforcement personnel put their lives on the line every day to keep our families and neighborhoods safe. This year's ceremony will recognize 25 individuals, one investigative team, and one Operational Task Force in a variety of categories including, the Silver or Bronze Valor Award, the Merit Valor Award, and the Investigative Merit Award.

One member of the Occoquan Woodbridge Lorton Volunteer Fire Department is being honored this year for his exceptional service. It is with great pride that I submit the name of the following award recipient:

2014 Silver Medal of Valor: Assistant Chief Steven R. Godin.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the 2014 Valor Award Recipient, and thank each of the men and women who serve in the Occoquan Woodbridge Lorton Volunteer Fire Department. Their efforts, made on behalf of the citizens of Prince William County, are selfless acts of heroism and truly merit our highest praise. I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding this group of remarkable citizens.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LEX-
INGTON ARTS & SCIENCE CEN-
TER

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2014

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Living Arts and Science Center of Lexington, Kentucky on the groundbreaking of their new facility, the "Lucille Caudill Little Discovery Center."

The Living Arts & Science Center, LASC, was created as a not-for-profit organization in 1968 to provide opportunities for exploration and education in the arts and sciences. Since then, the LASC has become a stimulating force and creative resource for Central Kentuckians. Through dynamic arts and science programming, the LASC has fostered exploration and inspired creativity among children