

with an indomitably cheerful outlook. Furthermore, Macy has volunteered and given back to patients at St. Jude's Children's Hospital, the same health providers that cared for her illness.

Macy is now one of the best young gymnasts in the state of Missouri. Her athletic abilities are known state wide, and she has won numerous medals for her skill. She is regarded as a natural gymnast, and her coaches speculate that she one day may represent the United States in the Olympic Games.

Mr. Speaker, Macy Morgan is truly a remarkable young woman and her success in overcoming adversity is impressive on its own merits. But her working to become an elite gymnast is all the more praiseworthy and inspiring to other young people in Missouri's Seventh Congressional District. I would ask that my colleagues join me in expressing both our congratulations and deep admiration for Macy and her achievements.

HONORING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE JUDGMENT OF PARIS

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 16, 2016*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 40th anniversary of the Judgment of Paris wine tasting competition, an event that brought global esteem to the California wine community.

On May 24, 1976, a who's-who of French wine and food influencers gathered for a blind tasting of Cabernet Sauvignon and Chardonnay wines at the Paris InterContinental Hotel organized by wine merchant Steven Spurrier.

Mr. Spurrier selected the finest California vintages at the time. He included Cabernet Sauvignon from Stag's Leap Wine Cellars, Ridge Vineyards Monte Bello, Heitz Wine Cellars, Clos du Val Winery, Mayacamas Vineyards, and Freemark Abbey Winery.

In the white wine category, Mr. Spurrier chose Chardonnay from Chateau Montelena Winery, Chalone Vineyard, Spring Mountain Vineyard, Freemark Abbey Winery, Veedercrest Vineyards, and David Bruce Winery.

When the experts' scores were tallied, two wines from California's Napa Valley—the 1973 Chateau Montelena Winery Chardonnay by winemaker Miljenko "Mike" Grgich and the Stag's Leap Wine Cellars 1973 Cabernet Sauvignon made by Warren Winiarski—came out on top, forever changing the way the world views American wine.

George Taber documented this consequential decision in a TIME magazine article, "Modern Living: Judgment of Paris." The resulting coverage of the Judgment of Paris created an immediate and positive impact on the world of wine, and inspired among experts, consumers, and the trade a new appreciation for California wines.

The Napa Valley is now recognized internationally as the vanguard of the American wine business. The California wine community now adds \$61.5 billion to the state's economy and \$121.8 billion to the United States economy. The wine community supports 330,000

jobs in the state and brings more than 21 million visitors to California wine regions annually. Wine is now produced in all fifty of the United States, and enjoyed at ever increasing levels by consumers throughout the country.

Mr. Speaker, it is fitting and proper that we recognize and honor the historical significance of the 40th anniversary of this event, as well as the impact of the California victory on the world of wine and the United States wine industry as a whole.

To recognize the 40th anniversary of the Judgment of Paris, Rep. DUNCAN HUNTER and I, House Leadership from both sides of the aisle, and the entire California delegation will submit the following language as a resolution:

Whereas forty years ago in Paris, a number of leading French wine experts were invited by Wine Merchant Stephen Spurrier to blind taste some of the greatest wines of France and California;

Whereas those prestigious experts chose the 1973 Chateau Montelena Winery Napa Valley Chardonnay by winemaker Miljenko "Mike" Grgich as the finest white wine in the tasting;

Whereas those same experts chose the 1973 Stag's Leap Wine Cellars S.L.V. Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon made by Warren Winiarski as the finest red wine in the tasting;

Whereas the resulting story by journalist George Taber found widespread distribution throughout the press, notably in TIME magazine, as "The Shot Heard Round the World";

Whereas this attention created an immediate, positive impact on the world of wine, and created among experts, consumers and the trade a new and enthusiastic appreciation for California wines;

Whereas wine is now produced in all fifty of the United States, and enjoyed at ever increasing levels by consumers throughout the country;

Whereas the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History exhibits the winning bottles in its permanent collections (the 1973 Chateau Montelena Winery Chardonnay and the 1973 Stag's Leap Wine Cellars S.L.V. Cabernet Sauvignon), and has included those bottles in their selection of remarkable objects in the book *The Smithsonian's History of America in 101 Objects* by Richard Kurin;

Whereas the Napa Valley is now recognized internationally as a vanguard of the United States wine business and contributes more than \$162 billion to the nation's economy.

*Resolved*, That the U.S. House of Representatives recognizes and honors the historical significance of the 40th Anniversary of the Judgment of Paris, and the impact of the California victory at the 1976 Paris Tasting on the world of wine and the American wine industry as a whole.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JACKIE SPEIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 16, 2016*

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, due to a conflict, I unavoidably missed the following votes on May 13, 2016.

Had I been present I would have voted as follows:

On roll call No. 190, I would have voted "nay" (May 13) (On Ordering the Previous Question for Providing for consideration of the bill (S. 524) the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act of 2016).

On roll call No. 191, I would have voted "nay" (May 13) (On Agreeing to the Resolution for Providing for consideration of the bill (S. 524) the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act of 2016).

On roll call No. 192, I would have voted "yea" (May 13) (On Approving the Journal).

On roll call No. 193, I would have voted "yea" (May 13) (On Passage of S. 524, the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act of 2016).

IN HONOR OF THE HONORABLE JEROME E. GAFF, U.S. ARMY, VIETNAM 1969–1970

**HON. STEPHEN F. LYNCH**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 16, 2016*

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Jerome Edward Gaff, May 30, 1946, in recognition of his outstanding service to the United States Army.

Jerry is the son of John M. and Dorothy A. Gaff who raised Jerry in Chelsea, MA. Jerry grew up alongside his brothers Harold, Jack, Tom, and sister, Loretta. Jerry and his family relocated to Everett MA, where he made his residence from 1950–1969. He graduated from Everett High School in 1964, and soon after, began working at General Edwards Inn Restaurant in the Point of Pines Section of Revere with his brothers and sisters. He was drafted into the U.S. Army on April 19, 1969, where he served his tour of duty in Vietnam from September 1969 to November 1970.

While serving in the Army, he served with the 1st Infantry Division (Big Red One) Sept. 1969 to Mar. 1970 and the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment (Black Horse) Mar. 1970 to Nov. 1970. He was stationed at the U.S. Army base located in Lai Khe, northwest of Saigon. During his time in the Army he was active in the major battle of the Cambodian Incursion from May to June, 1970. He received several medals for his Army service including: National Defense Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal and the Vietnam Campaign Medal. Although Jerry is a decorated veteran of the Vietnam Conflict he seldom spoke of his distinguished military career, and upon returning stateside focused his attention to raising his family, but never forgot those who served with him, and stills serves as an advocate for all veterans today.

When he returned from the war, he continued to work at the General Edwards Inn. He attended college before and after the war, studying education and Spanish. In 1972, he was married and had four daughters, Nancy 42, Shannon 41, Lauren 39 and Marybeth 38. Jerry and his family moved to Sandown, NH in the summer of 1978, just prior to the opening of his restaurant The Village Square Inn, located in Hampstead, NH. Jerry was owner/chef at the restaurant through the early 90's. He continued to be a well-respected chef in the southern New Hampshire area until his recent retirement. In his retirement, Jerry enjoys