

for new and expanded affordable housing projects.

I was proud to work with Mr. Woods and the entire Tempe City Council on other projects to increase the quality of life for Tempe residents, such as the new Tempe Streetcar project and the Valley Metro Light Rail. I believe Tempe will be better off for generations to come thanks to Mr. Woods' leadership and vision.

I look forward to many more great accomplishments from Mr. Woods through his role as the Chief Operating Officer at the Greater Phoenix Urban League and through his work in the community. I thank him for his extraordinary service to Tempe and look forward to working with him in the future.

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HONORING MR. JUNIOUS WILLIAMS

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 25, 2016*

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary career of Mr. Junious Williams, who is retiring from the position of Chief Executive Officer of the Urban Strategies Council after more than twenty years of service.

Mr. Williams has an impressive education background, holding a Juris Doctorate in Law, and a Bachelor's degree in Sociology, from the University of Michigan.

He began his legal career primarily as a champion of equal educational opportunity for minorities and inner city youth. In addition to private law practice, he has been an expert consultant in numerous school desegregation cases around the country. He founded the Saginaw (Michigan) Student Rights Center and was cofounder of the Ann Arbor Student Advocacy Center. Mr. Williams worked closely with a number of metropolitan school districts and parent groups on school desegregation issues, education equity and the administration of fair student discipline for minority and underprivileged students. Most notably, Mr. Williams served as Associate Director of the Programs for Educational Opportunity at the University of Michigan's School of Education.

After moving to California, he served as an ally to resident-led base-building organizations on issues from developing small schools, to increasing site-based decision-making in Oakland Unified School District (OUSD), to negotiation and implementation of community benefits agreements so that benefits of development are equitably distributed. Further, Mr. Williams played a key role in transforming Oakland's public schools into hubs that address the needs of students and their families, beginning with his leadership of the movement for Village Centers and culminating in his efforts to help OUSD become one of the first Full-Service Community School districts in the nation.

Mr. Williams has worked on numerous community building and community development efforts in Oakland, the Bay Area and other cities across the country. He currently serves as a founder and Board Chair for the Oakland Community Land Trust, which is working to acquire and rehabilitate vacant, foreclosed properties in Oakland and make these housing units available to low income buyers.

He also serves as Co-Chair of the Steering Committee for the Oakland Emerald Cities Collaborative, a national nonprofit network of organizations working together to advance a sustainable environment while creating a high-road, clean-energy economy with opportunities for all. Other current board service includes the Union Bank Community Advisory Board, the Center for Law and Education, and the National Trust for the Development of African American Men.

Furthermore, Mr. Williams joined the Urban Strategies Council in 1992 and was appointed CEO in 1998. He led the Council's creation of, and participation in, many cross-sector collaborations, making positive impact in areas from afterschool programs to violence prevention, from asset building to reentry. He also oversaw multiple Urban Strategies Council reports on African American male students that played a key role in Oakland Unified School District's Voluntary Resolution Plan with the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights.

Today, California's 13th Congressional District salutes and honors a great friend of the Bay Area and a true champion for equity, Mr. Junious Williams. His work with the Urban Strategies Council has had a tremendously positive impact on California's 13th District, and we are lucky to have him remain active in our community in all of his future endeavors.

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IN HONOR OF THE LIFE OF  
MANUEL G. SEMPELES

**HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 25, 2016*

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge and remember the life of Manuel "Manny" Sempeles, a notable member of the Winchester community who sadly passed away in May of 2015. I knew Manny personally and can attest to his humor, his selfless nature, and his ability to light up every room into which he walked. Manny was born in 1931 in Winchester and following his education at Handley High School, he selflessly decided to serve his country and enlisted in the United States Military where he was posted to Germany between 1952 and 1954. It was during this time that he proved both his courage and his valor during the Korean War and was promoted to the rank of Private First Class as part of the 101st Airborne Division. Upon his return, he decided to complete his education at Virginia University and the University of Richmond where he continued to nurture his passion for football. It was at this point Manny decided to shift from serving his country to serving his community.

Mr. Sempeles led a distinguished career through his membership and eventual presidency of the local parish council. He further acted as a member for the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church as well as serving on the Winchester Star Leadership Committee. Manny volunteered as a coach at James Wood and Handley High School so as to pass his passion for football onto others. His selflessness is only too apparent through his exemplary contributions and participation in community matters and I know his compassion will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

Beyond his civil duties, Manny was a loving husband to his wife Florine with whom he shared a restaurant business, beginning with their first establishment "The Open Hearth". They celebrated over 57 years of loving marriage together. In addition to Florine, Manny leaves behind three daughters: Tina, Andrea and Stephanie, as well as two sons George and Michael, all of whom are now married with children of their own, and even grandchildren. Through them, I'm sure, his values and legacy will be assured. Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring the life of Manuel Sempeles.

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RECOGNIZING K-9 OFFICER ARON  
AND DEPUTY MATTHEW SLOAN

**HON. JOHN KATKO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 25, 2016*

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize K-9 Officer Aron and his handler, Deputy Matthew Sloan, of the Cayuga County Sheriffs Department, for their valiant actions in quickly apprehending and securing a high risk suspect who fled police on June 9, 2016.

The fleeing suspect had attempted to evade police, but thanks to K-9 Officer Aron's fearless and efficient actions, Deputy Sloan was able to apprehend the suspect, and no officers were hurt while working to stop the suspect.

K-9 Officer Aron and Deputy Sloan deserve to be properly recognized for their heroic actions and I am honored to pay tribute to them for their brave efforts that led to a safe ending of situation that could have quickly escalated. Each and every day K-9 Officer Aron and Deputy Sloan work tirelessly together to protect our community and I am honored to recognize their work.

I would also like to recognize all K-9 Officers and their handlers for the extraordinary work they do across the 24th District. K-9 Officers approach every situation, no matter how dangerous with complete and total confidence and fearlessness to protect their human partners. K-9 Officers are an asset to all law enforcement and I am proud to recognize them for their service.

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HONORING JOHN ARTHUR IVEY

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 25, 2016*

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of an outstanding member of the East Bay community Mr. John Arthur Ivey. With his passing on June 21, 2016, we recognize his dedication and celebrate his commitment to our community.

Mr. Ivey's life is an example of a journey well traveled and a life well lived. He was born on March 10, 1950, in the heart of my congressional district, at Highland Hospital in Oakland.

Mr. Ivey used his education as a gateway to the world. During his formative years he attended Skyline High School where his love of literature and art began to emerge. He began his journey in higher education at The University of San Francisco where he pursued his interest in English and served as president of