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Tribune Editorial

As we frequently call attention to the misdeeds of government officials, we shouldn't miss an opportunity to highlight a couple of good acts.

On Monday, Chandler Unified School District Superintendent Camille Casteel revealed she will donate her \$8,525 pay raise in the next school year to a district-related foundation, Tribune writer Hayley Ringle reported. This means Casteel will take home no additional income, just like Chandler's teachers who don't face layoffs but won't get a pay raise.

As Casteel already has an annual salary of \$174,865, obviously her loss is far less painful than it would be for a typical schoolteacher. But Casteel's show of solidarity reflects the quality leadership that she has provided the Chandler district for years.

Meanwhile, a former high school teacher is again giving away his congressional pay raise and continues to press his colleagues to repeal the ridiculous automatic increases.

We're still puzzled by the strategy of Rep. Harry Mitchell, D-Arizona, to divide up his \$8,500 donation instead of awarding it all to one or two causes. This year he's handing out money to 15 different charities, according to Tribune writer Mike Branom.

But Mitchell is sincere when he says Congress doesn't need pay raises while the rest of the U.S. is suffering.