

museum had been closed and would not have reopened had it not been for the expertise and community trust belonging to John Bailey.

Awards honoring his years of service include being voted by peers as the US Association Executive of the Year, and recipient of the Key Award, the highest honor presented to individuals in the association management profession. He was also a recipient of the prestigious Points of Light Award, which was presented to him by then President George H. W. Bush.

Mr. Speaker, I know I speak for the whole House as I commend John Bailey for all he has accomplished and contributed to our community. I would like to express my gratitude for his selfless service to the people of Monterey County, and indeed to our nation. I would also like to extend my deepest condolences to his family, friends and all those whose lives he touched and whose careers he encouraged during this time of grieving. The world has lost a truly good man.

A TRIBUTE TO THE TOWN OF  
VERNON WATER POLLUTION  
CONTROL FACILITY

**HON. JOE COURTNEY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 16, 2012*

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate David Ignatowicz, Arnie Bevins, and the entire staff of the Town of Vernon Water Pollution Control Facility on their outstanding work on wastewater treatment.

Covering Vernon, Ellington, Tolland, and parts of South Windsor and Manchester, the Connecticut facility is the first of its kind with a full-scale powdered activated carbon treatment and wet-air carbon regeneration system. The unique wastewater utility has maintained an outstanding performance and customer satisfaction record for over 30 years, processing wastewater from over 122 miles of sewers and seven pump stations. With 20 dedicated individuals serving 66,000 Connecticut residents, the Vernon plant team has made certain that the water discharged from this facility is excellent in quality.

Recognizing the outstanding work of the Town of Vernon Water Pollution Control Facility, the New England Water Environment Association (NEWEA) named the facility the Wastewater Utility of the Year for 2010. Given annually, the NEWEA's Wastewater Utility of the Year award recognizes a regional utility for exceptional management, maintenance, and performance. The award, given to a facility located within six Northeastern States, is based on marks in 18 different areas to highlight overall excellence in utility operations. Having received top marks in each of these 18 areas, the Town of Vernon Water Pollution Control Facility proved to be more than deserving of this prestigious award.

Water Pollution Control Facilities like the Town of Vernon's are vital to the health of our communities and our ecosystems. Their innovative processes, forward thinking, and hard-working staff have helped to ensure that the discharged water is of the best possible quality. Mr. Ignatowicz, Mr. Bevins, and the entire Town of Vernon Water Pollution Control Fac-

ity team are a true asset to our state and our region, and I congratulate them on their exceptional work and well deserved recognition.

IN RECOGNITION OF EMILY  
SCAMMELL, WINNER OF AU-  
BURN'S POLITICAL SCIENCE  
LEADERSHIP AWARD

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 16, 2012*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend an outstanding young woman who attends Auburn University, which is located in my district in east-central Alabama. Auburn's Political Science Department recently started a new award that recognizes a student leader who excels in both the classroom and the community. It's my privilege to announce the first winner of Auburn's Political Science Leadership Award, Ms. Emily Scammell. A faculty committee selected her in recognition of her superb credentials.

Hailing from Daphne, Alabama, Emily is a junior political science major. She's minoring in hunger studies, which is part of the Universities Fighting World Hunger Initiative between the World Food Programme and Auburn University. Emily has a 3.9 Cumulative Grade Point Average and has made the dean's list for six consecutive semesters. She is a student in the Honors College at Auburn, won the Phi Kappa Phi First Year Award and is a recipient of the Spirit of Auburn Founder's Scholarship and the Academic Enrichment Scholarship.

Emily is active in student government, having served as director of honors activities and assistant director of organization programs. She is co-founder and vice president of the Campus Kitchen/Hunger Studies Group and an officer in her sorority. Emily volunteers at the East Alabama Food Bank and the Boys and Girls Clubs of Auburn. She has also worked at the Bay Area Food Bank in Theodore, Alabama, and the World Food Programme in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Speaker, I offer my congratulations to Emily and thank Auburn University for producing such outstanding students and citizens.

IN HONOR OF JOHN MYERS

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 16, 2012*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to recognize John Myers. Mr. Myers passed away on March 23rd. Mr. Myers was a lifelong volunteer and champion of community outreach and development in Monterey County.

John attended college at Purdue University where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering in 1951. He then joined Union Carbide Corporation where he worked for the next 42 years in research and production of enriched uranium used in nuclear energy and in asbestos research.

Following his retirement in 1993 John remained busy. John served on the Board of

Trustees, and as Chairman and Office Manager at Mee Memorial Hospital from 1982 to 2012. His time on the board saw upgraded services in radiology, new and remodeled clinics, a new dialysis center and many other services expanded.

Among John's many other notable positions held was as member of the King City Planning Commission and the King City Council. John served as Mayor of King City from 1992 to 2004, the longest-running mayor in the city's history. As Mayor, he also served as vice chair of the Monterey County Mayor's Association and on the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District Board. He was also a member of the Bay Area chapter of the League of California Cities.

John and his wife of 35 years served on the Hospice Trees of Life committee as well as for the first Valley Heritage Days in King City. He was also an active member and director of Monterey County Agricultural and Rural Life Museum.

Mr. Speaker, I have no doubt that John Myers' life and legacy will continue to thrive because of his longstanding work for his community. I would like to extend my sympathy to his family and friends in this their time of mourning.

CELEBRATING THE INAUGURATION  
OF DR. ROBERT K. McMAHAN AS  
THE SEVENTH PRESIDENT OF  
KETTERING UNIVERSITY

**HON. DALE E. KILDEE**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 16, 2012*

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Robert K. McMahan on the occasion of his inauguration on April 20 as Kettering University's seventh President.

Since its founding in 1919, Kettering University in my hometown of Flint, Michigan has been pioneering technology and preparing students to become innovators and leaders. It is the country's premier engineering, science and business university dedicated to co-op education. It is a national leader in preparing entrepreneurs and is ranked among the nation's finest specialty schools.

Dr. McMahan is the ideal person to be leading Kettering as it charts a path from its storied legacy of technical leadership to its entrepreneurial spirit today. As Kettering University celebrates its history and marches confidently toward an exciting future, it will do so with an enormously gifted new President who is an innovative thinker with a broad range of academic, business, management and government experiences. Robert K. McMahan has explored the foundations of the universe as a groundbreaking researcher. He has been a leader in academics, an advisor to high government officials and as a private sector entrepreneur has created initiatives that have driven innovation and technology.

Prior to his arrival at Kettering, Dr. McMahan was the Founding Dean of the Kimmel School and Professor of Engineering at Western Carolina University; the Kimmel School is Western's College of Engineering and Technology. Before his tenure at the Kimmel School, Dr. McMahan was the Senior Advisor to the Governor of North Carolina for