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HONORING THE VETERANS OF THE
JUNE 5, 2012 EASTERN IOWA
HONOR FLIGHT

HON. DAVID LOESACK

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

Mr. LOESACK. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to welcome Iowa veterans of the Greatest Generation to our Nation's Capital today. These veterans, accompanied by volunteer guardians, traveled to Washington, DC to visit the National World War II Memorial that was built in their honor.

I proudly have in my office a piece of marble from the quarry that supplied the stone from which the World War II Memorial was built. That piece of marble, just like the memorial it built, reminds me of the sacrifices of a generation that, when our country was threatened, rose to defend not just our Nation but the freedoms, democracy, and values that are the basis of our great Nation. They did so as one people and one country.

The sheer magnitude of what they accomplished, not just in war but in the peace that followed has stood as an inspiration to every generation of Americans since. The Greatest Generation did not seek to be tested both abroad by a war that fundamentally challenged our way of life and at home by the Great Depression and the rebuilding of our economy that followed. But, when called upon to do so, they defended and then rebuilt our Nation. Their patriotism, service, and great sacrifice not only defined their generation—they stand as a testament to the fortitude of our Nation.

I am tremendously proud to welcome eastern Iowa's veterans of the Second World War to our Nation's capital today. On behalf of every Iowan I represent, I thank them for their service to our country.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF FORMER STATE SENATOR
CATHIE WRIGHT

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my sadness regarding the recent passing of former State Senator Cathie Wright, who represented the Simi and Santa Clarita Valleys in the California legislature for 20 years, and with whom I was proud to serve.

Born in Old Forge, Pennsylvania on May 18, 1929, Cathie Maranelli Wright launched her political career in the 1970s as a member of the Simi Valley City Council. Wright was the city's mayor when she ran for and won an open Assembly seat in 1980. During her tenure in the Assembly, Wright carried several pieces of legislation to address local issues, including a bill that added the valley's four

water purveyors to the Castaic Lake Water Agency. The legislation brought the water purveyors to the table for the purpose of negotiating a valley-wide management plan, something the local water community continues to do on a regular basis. She was an early and ardent supporter of the creation of the City of Santa Clarita, which incorporated in 1987.

In 1992 Wright, ascended to the state Senate when former Los Angeles Police Chief Ed Davis retired and served until 2000. As a Senator, Wright helped craft California's welfare and child support laws. She was instrumental in securing funding for the College of the Canyons, particularly a new library and a media & fine arts building. Senator Wright worked tirelessly to develop a Systems of Care approach that would provide early intervention for at-risk mentally ill youth.

Mr. Speaker, Cathie Wright's two decades of dedicated public service make her an outstanding example of her generation and its commitment to our Nation. It is appropriate therefore that we honor her life and contributions today.

RYAN PFANKUCH

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Ryan Pfankuch for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Ryan Pfankuch is a 7th grader at Drake Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Ryan Pfankuch is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Ryan Pfankuch for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all his future accomplishments.

TRIBUTE TO MOLLIE EMERSON

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Mollie Emerson of Rockford, Iowa for being awarded the Girl Scout Gold Award.

The Gold Award is the highest award that a high school-aged Girl Scout can earn. This is an extremely prestigious honor as less than 6 percent of all Girl Scouts will attain the Gold Award's rigorous requirements.

To earn a Gold Award, a Girl Scout must complete a minimum of 80 hours towards a community project that is both memorable and lasting. For her project, Mollie redecorated patient rooms at doctor offices in her community

to help patients feel more comfortable when visiting the doctor. The work ethic Mollie has shown to earn her Gold Award speaks volumes about her commitment to serving a cause greater than herself and assisting her community.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this young woman and her supportive family demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication and perseverance. I am honored to represent Mollie and her family in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the House will join me in congratulating her in obtaining the Gold Award, and will wish her continued success in her future education and career.

A TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF THE
HONORABLE JOHN JOSEPH LEE

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor John Lee, a resident of San Mateo, California, who died at the age of 81 at the Palo Alto Veterans Affairs Hospice.

John Lee served his country as a Marine in Korea and Vietnam; was a successful businessman; a founder of Telogy Inc; was a highly respected member of the San Mateo City Council and served as Mayor. He was responsible for the completion of three major projects during his twelve year tenure—a movie theater complex, a new library, and a new police station.

He was known to all for saying "It's outstanding!" While he could be stern and firm minded, he was never disagreeable. He appreciated hard work and supported dedicated city employees. He worked to help the less fortunate, and in the words of San Mateo Police Chief Susan Manheimer, "He was a man who believed in valor and chivalry and duty."

John is survived by his son, John Lee Jr., of Oregon, daughters Brenda Lee Woodward, Karen Frost and J. Marcella Lee; his stepson Michael Streim and many grandchildren. He also leaves four siblings.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring a true public servant who served his Nation with honor, valor, and generosity. He served his community with equal distinction, and earned the respect of his colleagues in public service and the deep regard of his entire community. I ask my colleagues to extend to his children, grandchildren and siblings our most sincere sympathy on their great loss. John Lee will be missed by everyone who had the good fortune to know him, and I count myself among those so blessed. Our community and our country have been strengthened by the life and the service of John Lee.

HONORING THE PLASMA PROTEIN
THERAPEUTICS ASSOCIATION

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Plasma Protein Therapeutics Association (PPTA) as that organization celebrates its 20th anniversary.