

park, a wilderness area, a national forest, a Wild and Scenic River, a National Heritage Area or a National Conservation Area; construct a Bureau of Reclamation Water Recycling project; modify the Coastal Barrier Resources System; or remove property from the National Wildlife Refuge System. The House Natural Resources Committee routinely considers dozens of these types of bills each year.

It is also important to note that Congress has legislatively created more than 60 national wildlife refuges throughout the United States. In my own Congressional District, the Red River National Wildlife Refuge was established by an Act of Congress. In fact, including public hearings, Committee markups and action in both the House and the Senate, it took exactly six months to get this legislation to President Bill Clinton, who signed the bill into law on October 13, 2000. Even by the standards articulated by the Fish and Wildlife Service, this period of time demonstrated that the Congress can act swiftly when there is public support for the establishment of a specific refuge.

Under my bill, all new national wildlife refuges established after January 3, 2013 would require a Congressional authorization. This bill does not affect the existing 560 refuges, nor does it require that additions to these units obtain Congressional approval. This is a modest and commonsense solution. It is past time for the Congress to exercise its oversight responsibility before the Fish and Wildlife Service creates huge new financial burdens on taxpayers.

As the Chairman of the Natural Resources Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs, I can assure my colleagues that there is nothing inherently unique or urgent about the establishment of a new refuge that requires the Fish and Wildlife Service to unilaterally act on its own, while putting our taxpayers on the financial hook for billions in land acquisition costs.

I urge my colleagues to join in this important effort to protect the taxpayers of the United States by cosponsoring the National Wildlife Refuge Review Act.

#### IN HONOR OF TROOP 127

### HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 13, 2013*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the outstanding community service efforts of Boy Scout Troop 127 of the Riegelsville, Bucks County Council, Pennsylvania.

As a father of three boys who are involved in Scouting and as an Eagle Scout myself, I understand the principles and values that scouting has to offer. In 2012 alone, Troop 127 has accomplished a number of activities that embody that embody what it means to be a Scout.

Some notable examples of service in the last year include: Reaching out to help others during the hardship that took place after Hurricane Sandy by assisting the American Red Cross for two days at Palisades High School shelter. They honored their country by assisting with the Eagle Scout project of Brandon Youpa, a project that was two years in plan-

ning and resulted in the honoring of veterans both past and present within their community. They even worked to preserve the environment by cleaning up a staggering eight miles of the Delaware Canal.

The members of Troop 127 are prime examples of what it means to be a Boy Scout. They are conscious of country, the values of their country, those less fortunate than themselves, and of their faith. The members of Troop 127 have shown maturity and are valued members of our community. Becoming a Boy Scout bestows a great level of responsibility on the young men who are willing to take up Scouting's values. The community looks to the young men of Troop 127 as leaders now and in the years to come.

I sincerely hope that the scouts of Troop 127 continue down the challenging and rewarding path that the Boy Scouts has to offer. The Scouts commitment to the betterment of oneself and the pursuit of something greater are something any young man can benefit from. I applaud them on their service accomplishments this past year, extend my best wishes for their continued success and service.

#### HONORING COLLINS ALAN BEATTY

### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 13, 2013*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Collins Alan Beatty. Collins is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 314, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Collins has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Collins has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned 36 merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Collins has led his troop in various positions including Assistant Patrol Leader, has earned the rank of Brave in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say and is an Arrowman in the Order of the Arrow. Collins has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Collins removed old landscaping and planted new shrubs along a walking trail at Chinn Elementary in Kansas City, Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Collins Alan Beatty for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

RECOGNIZING DANIEL C. REESE AND HIS APPOINTMENT TO CHAIRMAN OF THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION COMMISSIONER'S COUNCIL ON GREENWAYS AND TRAILS

### HON. DAVID P. ROE

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 13, 2013*

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to recognize Mr. Daniel C. Reese of Tennessee's First District, who has been appointed Chairman of the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation Commissioner's Council on Greenways and Trails. This council is an organization that encourages our communities to utilize green spaces, promotes volunteerism in the community, and works hard to preserve our natural and cultural resources. Through his efforts on the council, Dan has set a great example for East Tennessee.

A graduate of East Tennessee State University, Dan has dedicated his career to working for the people of the Great State of Tennessee. He is a member of the Tennessee Department of Transportation Depot Restoration Demonstration Project, and continues to volunteer his time and expertise to develop additional green spaces within our community.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Daniel for his selfless contributions to our state and wish him the best as he continues to exemplify the Volunteer spirit.

#### HONORING RAY J. HILLENBRAND

### HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 13, 2013*

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary accomplishments of one of my constituents, Ray J. Hillenbrand, chairman of the board of Hillenbrand, Inc. headquartered in Batesville, Indiana.

Mr. Hillenbrand has been chairperson of the board of Hillenbrand, Inc. since 2008 and previously served as director of Hillenbrand Industries, the company's former parent corporation, from 1970 to 2008 and as chairman of the board from 2001 to 2006. Mr. Hillenbrand was employed by and active for 19 years in the management of Hillenbrand Industries prior to his resignation as senior vice president and member of the office of the president in 1977. On February 27, 2013, Ray will retire from his duties leading the strategic vision of the company as chairman.

For more than a century, the Hillenbrand companies have served as a staple in the Indiana and American corporate landscape, premiering innovative products in the funeral services, medical, and engineering industries. Ray's leadership has been a vital part of that success.

Ray Hillenbrand will forever be a friend and inspiration to people across the Hoosier state. I ask the entire 6th Congressional District to join me in thanking Ray for his excellent service to his business and community and in congratulations for his successful tenure as chairman of the board of Hillenbrand, Inc.