congregation and has held true to his vision of equality by hiring the congregation's first female assistant pastor and licensing its first female ministers. He worked with members to establish ministries that helped them explore arts, provide basic human necessities for the community and support people in times of grief. In his professional work, he has continued to hold true to his faith through his service as an educator to future spiritual leaders, instilling in them the value of actively engaging the community in the pursuit of justice and equality.

The pursuits of his spiritual and professional work in Southeast Michigan have been mirrored in his volunteer work with the residents of the Greater Detroit region. In his position on the boards of Gateway Community Health and Gateway-Detroit East, Inc., Dr. Nabors has endeavored to build better mental healthcare and substance abuse services that empower the residents of the community. He also serves on the advisory board for United Voices for Michigan's Children, which serves as the State's largest non-profit advocate for youth. As a past advisory board member for The Skillman Foundation, Dr. Nabors has also continued to support the development of youth in the establishment of the "Call to Service" outreach program that created academic mentoring opportunities.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognition of Dr. Michael C.R. Nabors' great milestone in his service to the congregation of New Calvary Baptist Church and the people of Greater Detroit. His commitment to be a leader of his peers, a staunch advocate for our youth and a crusader for social justice values are a testament to his faith. I know his work has touched many lives and strengthened the fabric of the entire Southeast Michigan region. I congratulate Dr. Nabors on his fifteen years as Senior Pastor and look forward to working with him in our shared endeavor to create a more just and vibrant community.

HONORING JOHN TULIPANA

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 15, 2013

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize John Tulipana. John 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 601, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

John has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years John has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, John has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

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

TRIBUTE TO KATE BANASIAK

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 15, 2013

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Kate Banasiak for being named a 2013 Forty Under 40 honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

Since 2000, Business Record has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of young leaders in the Greater Des Moines area who are making an impact in their communities and their careers. Each year, forty up-and-coming community and business leaders under 40 years of age are selected for this prestigious distinction, which is based on a combined criteria of community involvement and success in their chosen career field. The 2013 class of Forty Under 40 honorees join an impressive roster of 560 business leaders and growing.

At age 29, Kate Banasiak is the President and CEO of Diversified Management Services Inc. In this role, Kate oversees the successful consulting services that her company provides to nonprofit organizations, trade groups and professional associations. As time-consuming as running a company can be, Mrs. Banasiak is also heavily involved in her community through the Des Moines Embassy Club, Iowa Society of Association Executives, and the Greater Des Moines Leadership Institute. Kate and her husband Mike also created Devour Des Moines, a fundraising event that has hauled in more than $3,500 for the Iowa chapter of Buy Fresh, Buy Local. In all aspects of her busy life, Lindsay is an example of hard work and service that our state can be proud of.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Kate in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud Mrs. Banasiak for utilizing her talents to better both her community and the great state of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Kate on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and wishing each member of the 2013 Forty Under 40 class continued success.

RECOGNIZING PATRICIA KENDALL AS THE SAN RAFAEL CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 15, 2013

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Patricia Kendall, who was recently honored as the San Rafael Citizen of the Year, an award she richly deserves.

Patricia Kendall has been a longtime resident of San Rafael and well known for her community and civic involvement. She was trained as an emergency room nurse, and her community service began 35 years ago when she participated in the formation of Marin County's "911 Paramedic Program." Through the years, Pat has continued to support this program as a member of the Emergency Medical Care Committee.

Pat has served on many boards and committees for non-profit organizations and special projects. She has been a leader in our community, including as board chair of the North Bay Leadership Council, board treasurer of the Marin Agricultural Institute, board vice-chair of Lifehouse, board member of the Marin County School-to-Career Program, and leadership posts with the San Rafael Chamber of Commerce and the Pickleweed Community Center.

One of the founding members of the Healthy Marin Partnership, Pat has been the driving force in shaping its upstream lifestyle model focusing on prevention of associated tobacco and high-risk alcohol use, unhealthy eating, and inactive lifestyles. This Partnership has served as an incubator for other community collaborations including the County's Wellness Collaboration, Canal Community Gardens, and Children's Health Initiative.

Mr. Speaker, Patricia Kendall's hard work and her leadership are felt throughout our region, and we thank her for her commitment to health initiatives and community service. I urge my colleagues to join me in extending our congratulations for her selection as San Rafael's Citizen of the Year.

IN HONOR OF IVY TECH COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF INDIANA'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 15, 2013

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana in celebration of its 50th anniversary. The people of my Congressional District and the State of Indiana are forever grateful for Ivy Tech's commitment to preparing Indiana residents to learn, live, and work in a diverse and globally competitive environment by delivering professional, technical, and lifelong education.

Since its founding on March 15, 1963, Ivy Tech has become the largest statewide community college system in the United States, with 31 degree-granting campuses and 125 diverse areas of study. Today, Ivy Tech is the fastest-growing institution of higher learning in the State of Indiana.

Over one million Hoosier students have passed through its doors on the way to a better life and increased opportunities, and 97 percent of these students stay in Indiana, working to make our State a better place to live and contributing to the health and productivity of our communities. Annually, Ivy Tech creates almost $8.2 billion in cumulative economic benefit for Indiana.

Undoubtedly, Ivy Tech has made significant contributions to the development of the Hoosier workforce, and its programs and training are designed to suit the specific needs of our communities and employers while providing options to students at an economically affordable rate. Ivy Tech is leading the way in making the dream of a higher education a reality for Hoosier workers and students from all walks of life. Every year, 200,000 students benefit from an Ivy Tech education, and the college has set for itself the ambitious goal of 50,000 graduates annually by 2025.

As the former Senior Vice President of Workforce and Economic Development and General Counsel at Ivy Tech, I was especially proud to be part of the college's Accelerating Greatness 2013 strategic plan, which succeeded in changing lives while making Indiana great. I look forward to an even brighter future for Ivy Tech Community College and the students it serves. Congratulations on 50 years of dedicated service to the citizens of Indiana!

INTRODUCTION OF THE CHARITABLE DRIVING TAX RELIEF ACT OF 2013

HON. THOMAS E. PETRI

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 15, 2013

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Speaker, today, I am introducing the Charitable Driving Tax Relief Act of 2013 to remove a serious disincentive to participation in charitable activities. Private charitable activity plays an important role in our society, and it is important that Congress not stand in the way by penalizing those who wish to offer their services to these groups.

Under current law, individuals that volunteer their time and energy by driving their personal vehicles on behalf of a charitable group can end up with an unpleasant surprise in the form of an unanticipated tax bill. Specifically, volunteer drivers receiving reimbursement for the use of their vehicle are taxed on these payments to the extent that they exceed 14 cents per mile. This treatment stands in stark contrast to the allowance for reimbursement for the business use of that same vehicle, 56 and one-half cents per mile in 2013.

The Charitable Driving Tax Relief Act will equalize the tax treatment of charitable reimbursements with those received for business driving because the point of the payment is essentially the same, that is, to cover the cost of operating a personal vehicle while performing an important service in the pursuit of a greater good.

To achieve this end, my legislation would exclude from gross income any reimbursement received for the use of a volunteer's car while assisting a charitable group, limited only by the cap the Internal Revenue Service sets regarding business driving. This treatment would be available only for services provided without compensation and drivers would be required to maintain sufficient records to substantiate the charitable use of their vehicles. Finally, this bill drops the requirement that charitable groups report these reimbursements to the IRS, removing an administrative and paperwork burden that takes resources away from a charity's larger purpose.

Each day, thousands of Americans lend a hand in providing transportation services to a multitude of organizations engaged in good works. These activities include assisting individuals with their routine grocery shopping, providing the use of a four-wheel drive vehicle to transport home-visit nurses during inclement weather, delivering meals as part of a holiday food drive, helping individuals to keep their medical appointments, and many more similar activities.

These volunteer drivers are donating their time and their talents, not their vehicles, and accepting reimbursement for the use of that car, incidental to their time and talent donation, is a reasonable act, which should not result in an additional tax liability. Today, when it comes to driving a personal vehicle, our tax code makes a distinction between business and charitable uses. This distinction is a mistake; it is a serious disincentive to charitable activities, and it should be corrected. I encourage my colleagues to support the continued efforts of our charity-minded constituents by cosponsoring the Charitable Driving Tax Relief Act of 2013.

HONORING JACKSON ISMERT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 15, 2013

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jackson Ismert. Jackson 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 601, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Jackson has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Jackson has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Jackson has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

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

TRIBUTE TO ERIN BEMIS

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 15, 2013

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Erin Bemis for being named a 2013 Forty Under 40 honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

Since 2000, Business Record has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of young leaders in the Greater Des Moines area who are making an impact in their communities and their careers. Each year, forty up-and-coming community and business leaders under 40 years of age are selected for this prestigious distinction, which is based on a combined criteria of community involvement and success in their chosen career field. The 2013 class of Forty Under 40 honorees join an impressive roster of 560 business leaders and growing.

Erin Bemis is the Senior Vice President of Logistics and Operations at IronWorks, which provides individualized training solutions for various fitness goals. At IronWorks, Erin is tasked with managing many of the company's operations, including billing, communications, and organizing board meetings. Outside of work, Mrs. Bemis is heavily involved in her community through her role as assistant community vice president with Junior League of Des Moines and organizing numerous fundraisers, including the Salvation Army's Red Kettle Run, which she chaired. Erin is also planning a mission trip in June to assist orphans living in Rwanda. In all aspects of her life, Erin is an example of hard work and service that our state can be proud of.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Erin in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud Ms. Bemis for utilizing her talents to better both her community and the great state of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Erin on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and wishing each member of the 2013 Forty Under 40 class continued success.

IN RECOGNITION OF MARK CASPER BEING NAMED MAN OF THE YEAR BY THE GREATER PITTSTON FRIENDLY SONS OF ST. PATRICK

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 15, 2013

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mark Casper, who will be named Man of the Year by the Greater Pittston Friendly Sons of St. Patrick on the evening of March 17 at that organization's 99th annual St. Patrick's Day banquet.

Mark Casper was born in Pittston, the son of Eileen Brogan Casper and the late Robert Casper. A graduate of St. Mary's Assumption grade school and Seton Catholic high school, Mark attended Luzerne County Community College. He has been employed by Medico Industries for the past 27 years, holding various positions, and he is currently the service manager in the Wilkes-Barre location.

Mark is a member of Our Lady of the Eucharist parish in Pittston where he serves as chairman of the parish finance council and a member of the parish pastoral council. He is a member of the Exeter borough zoning board and a varsity assistant coach for the Pittston Area Lady Patriots basketball team.

Mark previously served as a member of the Holy Redeemer system school board and the Region 7 school advisory board. He was a coach for the Wyoming Valley boys' 8th grade catholic school basketball league and served as the league president for six years. He also served as a coach and board member for seven years in the Exeter little league program. And Mark was even a coach for the Pittston Area Stoners soccer team.

Prior to the closing of St. Mary's Assumption school, Mark served as the head basketball coach there for 27 years. He coached over 400 young men in 750 games, and his St. Mary's teams won 10 league championships and numerous tournament championships. He finished his head coaching career in 2012 as the boys' varsity basketball coach at Wyoming Area Catholic, where he reached the 500-win mark.

Mark's dedication to his parish and his school sports teams reflect a level of volunteerism and community spirit to which we should all aspire. I offer Mark my sincere congratulations and thanks on this momentous occasion.