

Following 35 wonderful years at the helm, Ms. Raposa will retire as executive director to spend more time with family, while still remaining active with numerous Fall River institutions. Mr. Speaker, please join me in thanking Ms. Paula Raposa for over five decades of outstanding service to southeastern Massachusetts. I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Ms. Raposa for her countless contributions.

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NESQUEHONING HOSE CO. #1

**HON. LOU BARLETTA**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 25, 2013*

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Nesquehoning Hose Co. #1 of the Borough of Nesquehoning, Pennsylvania.

Nesquehoning Hose Co. #1 was organized in 1908 and originally consisted of 50 members, a 1908 Mack truck, and a horse-drawn hose reel. Beginning in 1911, the fire company was housed at the corner of Center and School streets, also known as "Five Points". By 1930, the organization had grown to include 200 members and several more pieces of firefighting equipment, including a pumper and hose truck and a hook and ladder and chemical truck. In 1997, the company purchased a new building to house their equipment and ambulances.

Nesquehoning Hose Co. #1 has been instrumental in protecting the community from many devastating fires. The organization battled the fire at Heffelfinger Bakery in 1922, the blaze at the parochial school of the Sacred Heart Parish in 1929, the fire at the Kaijay Pants Company Factory in 1953, and countless home fires throughout the years. The members of this company willingly risk their own safety to assure that the people of Nesquehoning are protected from destructive fires and other disasters.

Mr. Speaker, since 1908 Nesquehoning Hose Co. #1 has worked to protect the citizens of Nesquehoning, Pennsylvania. Therefore, I commend all the personnel who have served at this fire house and congratulate them on their newest piece of equipment, a 2012 KME 103" Aerial Cat Ladder Truck, which will surely aid them in their mission to defend the community from future fires and other disasters.

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HONORING E. GORDON GEE UPON  
HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE  
OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

**HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 25, 2013*

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Dr. E. Gordon Gee upon his retirement as president of The Ohio State University.

Expressing how much President Gee has meant to The Ohio State University and the many students and faculty who have benefitted from his unwavering commitment to higher education is an impossible task. As a graduate of Ohio State, as an admirer and as

a friend of this remarkable person, it gives me great pleasure to add my personal appreciation and commendation.

For over three decades, Dr. Gee has held more university presidencies than any other American. Prior to his resumption of the presidency of Ohio State on October 1, 2007, Gee was chancellor of Vanderbilt University from 2000 to 2007 and president of Brown University from 1998 to 2000, of Ohio State from 1990 to 1998, of the University of Colorado from 1985 to 1990, and of West Virginia University from 1981 to 1985. In 2010 Time magazine rated President Gee one of the top ten college presidents in the United States.

Upon his retirement, Dr. Gee will leave behind a legacy that will permeate throughout Ohio and across the country for years to come. While he is moving on to the next phase in his life, Dr. Gee will never stop doing what he loves: inspiring students and contributing to enhancing the quality of higher education.

On behalf of the citizens of Ohio's 12th Congressional District, I would like to wish Dr. Gee the best of luck and thank him for his devotion to Ohio State, the great state of Ohio and all of the communities that have benefitted from his invaluable contributions.

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RECOGNIZING MIDSHIPMAN THIRD  
CLASS PATRICK LIEN

**HON. DANIEL WEBSTER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 25, 2013*

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to take this opportunity to recognize one of our Midshipmen at the United States Naval Academy. On May 20th, 2013, Patrick Lien was the first of his class to reach the top of the Herndon Monument during the legendary "Plebes No More" Ceremony.

Each year the freshman class, known as "plebes" at the Naval Academy, will work together to climb the Herndon Monument, which is a 21-foot tall granite pillar on the service academy's campus, and replace a plebe's "Dixie-Cup" hat with an upperclassman's combination cover at the top. This ceremony is conducted at the end of every academic year to represent the end of a plebe's year as the lowest rank at the Naval Academy. According to the Naval Academy legend, the first plebe to reach the top of the Herndon Monument will be the first in the class to rise to the rank of Admiral. The monument is usually greased with Crisco, which makes it decidedly more difficult for the plebes to accomplish the task. The Class of 2016 was able to accomplish the task in one hour, thirty-two minutes, and forty-three seconds.

Patrick's accomplishment is a testament to his perseverance, and commitment to his fellow Midshipmen. Both of these qualities are crucial components of an effective officer in our armed forces.

As Patrick continues to develop into a future military officer, I would like to thank him for his service to our country and for representing the great people of Central Florida at the prestigious United States Naval Academy. I also wish him well in his future academic, athletic and military pursuits.

The United States Naval Academy is fortunate to have such an outstanding midshipman

at their institution. I applaud Patrick Lien on his continued service at the United States Naval Academy and to the citizens of the United States of America. His commitment to excellence, leadership and service is to be admired, and may it inspire others to follow in his footsteps.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. GEORGE MILLER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 25, 2013*

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on Thursday, June 20th and missed Roll No. 282. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

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CELEBRATING VIOLA CONDO

**HON. LOIS FRANKEL**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 25, 2013*

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Viola Condo of West Palm Beach, Florida, who turns 100 years old on July 7, 2013.

Viola immigrated to this country from Italy in 1920, when she was 7 years old, and she has lived in the Sunshine Park Community of West Palm Beach since 1976. A member of Saint Juliana's Parish Church, Viola is active in the community. She still sings with the Church Choir. She has also knitted 526 children's sweaters for World Vision, an organization dedicated to reducing world poverty and hunger.

Viola is truly an exceptional woman whom I am proud to represent in Florida's 22nd District. I know I join with her friends and family in celebrating this wonderful milestone. I wish her good health and continued success in the coming year.

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A TRIBUTE TO NORWOOD  
"WOODY" OLMSTED

**HON. TOM LATHAM**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 25, 2013*

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Congressional Liaison Specialist Norwood "Woody" Olmsted. Mr. Olmsted has served his country honorably through his 31 years with the USCIS and will bring his career to a close on June 28, 2013.

Originally a high school music teacher for 18 years, Woody began his career with the Immigration and Naturalization Service as an Immigration Inspector in Maine before being transferred to the Los Angeles International Airport. In Los Angeles he was ultimately promoted to managing the congressional unit for the district office until 1988 when he relocated to our nation's capital.

In his current role, Woody has assisted numerous high-profile and time sensitive requests with a renowned professionalism and