

his biggest cheerleader. She is also a community treasure in her own right having spent 20 years as a special education teacher.

Their daughter, Angela, son, Alan, daughter-in-law, Sarah and three wonderful grandchildren; Brady, Maddi and Lauren; inspired Andy's keen interest in both education and strengthening our communities through leadership.

Somehow, Andy finds time for his wood-working hobby and an occasional round of golf. As he leaves the Chamber in a strong position for the future, he won't be slowing down much. He plans to consult, work with boards and non-profits and spend time with his grandchildren.

Andy, I—and all of southeast Montgomery County—only have two humble words for you: Thank you! You have set an amazing example that we'll all strive to live up to. Best wishes, friend.

TRIBUTE TO EAGLE SCOUT JOEL
WHITMORE

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 20, 2013

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Joel Whitmore of Boy Scout Troop 37 in Calmus, Iowa for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

The Eagle Scout rank is the highest advancement rank in scouting. Only about five percent of Boy Scouts earn the Eagle Scout Award. The award is a performance-based achievement with high standards that have been well-maintained for more than a century.

To earn the Eagle Scout rank, a Boy Scout is obligated to pass specific tests that are organized by requirements and merit badges, as well as completing an Eagle Project to benefit the community. The work ethic Joel has shown in his Eagle Project and every other project leading up to his Eagle Scout rank speaks volumes of his commitment to serving a cause greater than himself and assisting his community.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this young man and his supportive family demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication and perseverance. I know that all of my colleagues in the House will join me in congratulating him on reaching the rank of Eagle Scout, and I wish him continued success in his future education and career.

HONORING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF DISTRICT ENERGY

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 20, 2013

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to the many dedicated men and women of District Energy on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of this community energy system.

District Energy launched as a demonstration project in 1983 as Saint Paul's response to the energy crisis of the 1970's. The venture was a public-private partnership between the City of Saint Paul, State of Minnesota, United States Department of Energy and the downtown business community, all of whom believed in the viability of a hot water district heating system to alleviate the pinch of the energy crisis.

District Energy Saint Paul was built from the vision of Saint Paul Mayor George Latimer. Led by Mayor Latimer, the City lobbied the State and Federal governments for assistance in adopting a technology, developed in Europe, that could solve the heating problems of the city. Using the expertise of Hans Nyman, District Energy's first president, the system was successfully designed to be energy efficient, fuel flexible, and result in stable rates for its customers.

In 1993, ten years after the successful start-up of the district heating system, District Energy began offering cooling service to downtown building owners. Ten years later, in 2003, District Energy became a green energy service provider following construction of an affiliated combined heat and power (CHP) plant that is fueled by a renewable resource—clean, urban wood residuals. It is the largest wood-fired CHP plant serving district energy system in the nation. The system was advanced further in 2011 with the installation of the Midwest's largest solar installation. It is one of the country's largest hot water solar projects and the first in the United States to be integrated into a district heating system.

Today, District Energy Saint Paul is considered the most notable in the United States for its use of renewable energy sources and implementation of energy conservation measures. In the past couple of decades, District Energy has been recognized on numerous occasions for its work promoting energy conservation. This year District Energy has received the Innovation Recognition and Bronze Space Award from the International District Energy Association as well as the Renewable

Energy Award from the Sustainable Saint Paul Award Program. Furthermore, it continues to stand by its core values of customers, community, work environment, and conduct.

Mr. Speaker, in honor of District Energy, a community energy system committed to energy conservation, I am pleased to submit this statement in recognition of their 30th anniversary.

CÓRDOVA & FERNÓS CONGRESSIONAL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 20, 2013

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Córdova & Fernós Congressional Internship Program on its twentieth anniversary.

The Córdova & Fernós Congressional Internship Program is an educational program that was created in 1993 by the Legislative Assembly of Puerto Rico to provide outstanding college students on the island the opportunity to spend a semester in Washington, DC. By giving these college students the opportunity to work as interns in the United States Congress, Federal agencies, non-governmental organizations and private corporations, and other places, this internship program enriches their academic, personal, and professional lives.

In addition to working, Córdova interns have the opportunity to conduct a research project directly related to their studies, attend lectures in various embassies, and become acquainted with influential policy makers and opinion leaders. Since its founding, the Córdova & Fernós Congressional Internship Program has given hundreds of college students the opportunity to learn and understand how Washington works. Furthermore, Córdova interns have had the opportunity to help others learn about Puerto Rico and what it can offer to our Nation and to the world. I am proud to have been able to contribute to this program since its establishment by hosting interns in my congressional office and in other ways.

Mr. Speaker, programs such as this one help young people become involved in and learn from our democratic system of government. In short, the Córdova & Fernós Congressional Internship Program is preparing the next generation of Puerto Rican leaders to play an active role in the future of the island and I will continue to support this program and its young leaders.