

in the area again, even if the government succeeds in pushing out the rebels.

One farmer, who sold his car in Latakia to afford the journey to Lebanon, said his grandmother survived a notorious death march from the village to the city of Horns during the genocide but still returned to Kassab.

This time, he's not sure his family will make it back.

"Our roots are there, everything is there," his wife said, "but we can't."

HONORING THE BRENTWOOD, TENNESSEE ALUMNI CHAPTER OF KAPPA ALPHA PSI FRATERNITY, INC.

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 4, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a group of men who established the Brentwood Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. These men have shown that positive outcomes can be made across the board through hard work, dedication, and a desire to serve their community.

This alumni chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi has served as a lightning rod for other members; wherein, these members collectively seek to indoctrinate and instruct fraternity members in brotherhood, reclamation, community service, history, and protocol; to unite in a fraternal bond college men of culture, vision and honor who possess a high degree of commitment to serving mankind; to encourage through fraternal brotherhood honorable achievement in every field of human endeavor; to mentor young men through the chapter's Guide Right students; to sponsor community service to support local schools, youth and provide charitable services to low-income residents and seniors; and to promote the social intellectual, and moral welfare of brothers and service in the public interest.

The Brentwood (TN) Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. was organized in the home of Vincent Abernathy, and on October 2, 2010, the Brentwood Alumni Chapter was established. Under the leadership of the chapter's first Polemarch, Dewayne Collier, and current Polemarch, Jeff Wilson, The Brentwood Alumni Chapter has become the second largest chapter in the Middle Tennessee area.

The Brentwood Alumni Chapter's Guide Right Program has adopted New Hope Academy School, the Boys & Girls Club of Franklin and Ravenwood High School as partners in its initiative to support young men 9th–12th who show academic potential and a desire for leadership.

The Brentwood Alumni Chapter has charted The Brentwood Leadership Foundation and awards scholarships to seniors and juniors further promoting the educational advancement of young people.

Other event that The Brentwood Alumni Chapter participates in include: St. Jude Sunday of Hope, Kappa Choir, the Pepsi Refresh Project, Piney Woods, Kappa on the Hill, Student of the Year, Kappa Foundation, United Way of Williamson County, and Mercy Children Clinic Christmas Party.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing The Brentwood Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. for its dedication to serving others and giving back to the community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 4, 2014

Mr. PETERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, April 2, 2014, I was not present for 3 votes. I wish to submit my intentions had I been present to vote.

Had I been present for rollcall No. 152, I would have voted "nay."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 153, I would have voted "nay."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 154, I would have voted "nay."

RECOGNIZING JAMES BERGERON

HON. JOHN KLINE

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 4, 2014

Mr. KLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Education and Human Services Policy Director James Bergeron for his years of service to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce—and the American people.

James Bergeron, who joined the Committee nearly a decade ago under then-Chairman HOWARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON, will soon depart the Committee for a new endeavor. He leaves an indelible mark not only on this institution, but also on the landscape of education policy.

During his tenure with the Committee, James worked tirelessly on legislation to improve workforce development, revamp K–12 education, support students with disabilities, enhance early childhood care and development, and strengthen the nation's higher education system. Many of the policies James championed have become key provisions in federal law, helping improve the lives of countless workers, students, teachers, and children.

James is a consummate professional, a skilled negotiator, and a trusted advisor who will be sorely missed. On behalf of the Committee and the whole House, I thank James for his dedication, and wish him the very best in the years ahead.

IN HONOR OF THE ARSENAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM, 2014 STATE CHAMPIONS

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 4, 2014

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the boy's basketball team at Arsenal Technical High School which is part of Indianapolis Public School district. The Titans were crowned the Division 4A Indiana State Boys Basketball Champions on March 30,

2014 after capturing the state title with a 63–59 victory in front of a sold out crowd at Indianapolis Bankers Life Fieldhouse.

As a graduate of Arsenal Tech, I am proud of this team's achievements. The Titans made their first appearance in the state finals in 1929, and 85 years later they earned their first state championship. Their accomplishment is also significant because it has been 34 years since an Indianapolis Public School program has won this title. Additionally, all the Tech fans, in particular the energetic student body should be recognized for their enthusiasm and pride in their team.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Arsenal Technical High School Titans, coaches, school officials, teachers and the greater Indianapolis community on their accomplishments this season.

IN RECOGNITION OF LPL FINANCIAL'S NEW, SUSTAINABLE OFFICE TOWER

HON. SCOTT H. PETERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 4, 2014

Mr. PETERS of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud the leadership, employees and partners of LPL Financial—the nation's largest independent broker-dealer and a RIA custodian—for their dedication to sustainability and social responsibility, demonstrated by the opening of the firm's new San Diego headquarters, Tower II at La Jolla Commons, on April 2, 2014. La Jolla Commons II was designed to be the largest net-zero energy commercial office building in the United States.

The focus of this project was to build an environmentally friendly workplace that would be reflective of LPL's values and work styles. With that in mind, the building design was guided by four pillars: sustainability, health and wellness, connectivity and flexibility. This design is currently under consideration for LEED Platinum certification, the U.S. Green Building Council's (USGBC) highest standard for environmental design.

Among other sustainability features, the 13-story, 416,000-square-foot office tower will result in an estimated \$300,000 annual savings in electricity costs due to the incorporation of fuel cell technology, and nearly 2.5 million gallons—about 88 percent of the water used in the building—will be reclaimed and reused. Additionally, the building boasts a number of health and wellness-related amenities including a state-of-the-art gym for employees.

I ask all Members to join me in applauding this incredible effort that demonstrates LPL's commitment to its employees, the city of San Diego, and to our environment.

H.R. 2824

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 4, 2014

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to H.R. 2824, which would roll back a Reagan-era rule to protect Appalachian