

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF EVAN ULINSKI ON HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

**HON. ROBERT E. LATTA**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 30, 2014*

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Evan Ulinski of Elmore, Ohio has been offered an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Evan's offer of appointment poises him to attend the United States Air Force Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2018. Attending one of our nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country but also guarantees a world-class education, while placing demands on those who undertake one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Evan brings an enormous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2018. While attending Woodmore High School in Elmore, Ohio, Evan served as a member of the Key Club and a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes organization.

Throughout high school, Evan was a member of his school's football, baseball and wrestling teams and earned varsity letters in all three sports. I am confident that Evan will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Air Force Academy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Evan Ulinski on the offer of his appointment to the United States Air Force Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Evan will excel during his career at the Air Force Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to the Nation.

IN MEMORY OF CAPTAIN JAMES EDWARD CHAFFIN III

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 30, 2014*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, April 12th, a Service of Death and Resurrection was held for an American hero Captain James Edward "Ed" Chaffin III.

Participating at the standing room only service at Mount Hebron United Methodist Church of West Columbia, South Carolina, were Iris Jo Harley as organist, with greetings from Reverend Mandy Taylor Young, remarks by Lt. Col. Phillip Jenison, and a sermon by Reverend Tim Rogers. Burial followed in the church graveyard.

The Service program contained the following tribute:

CAPTAIN JAMES EDWARD CHAFFIN, III

James Edward "Ed" Chaffin, III, was born on February 4, 1987, in West Columbia, South Carolina, the son of Elizabeth Rhodes

Chaffin and the late James Edward Chaffin, Jr. He passed away while serving with the 82nd Airborne Division in Kandahar, Afghanistan on Tuesday, April 1, 2014.

Ed was a 2005 Honor Graduate of the Brookland-Cayce High School in Cayce, South Carolina, where he played football, was a member of the Interact Club, the National Honor Society, and the newspaper staff.

A 2009 graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, he majored in Comparative Politics and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant. While at West Point, he was a member of the Russian Club and participated in a club trip to the country of Azerbaijan.

Ed was an avid reader who enjoyed reading about history, especially on military subjects. He had a passion for travel and experiencing new cultures all over the world, which took him to Thailand, Vietnam, and Greece, just to name a few. He had a witty sense of humor, which was immediately evident to all who know him. Even far away, he always rooted for Gamecock football. He has a very caring spirit and a strong work ethic, making him an honored member of the armed forces protecting our freedom.

Ed's first tour of service was in 2011 for Operation Iraqi Freedom. His awards and decorations included the Bronze Star Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal with Campaign Star, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the basic Parachutist Badge and the Air Assault Badge, and the NATO Medal.

He is survived by his mother, Elizabeth "Beth" Chaffin of West Columbia; his sisters, Susan Chaffin Bilton and her husband, Jarod, of Mt. Pleasant, SC, and Nancy Chaffin of Charlotte, NC; and many classmates, friends, and fellow service members all over the world.

SAN ANTONIO MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. LAMAR SMITH**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 30, 2014*

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the San Antonio Manufacturers Association (SAMA) is one of the oldest manufacturing associations in the country. And this year, SAMA celebrates its 100th year as the voice of the manufacturing industry in the San Antonio area.

"Made in America" is a label we want to see on advanced technologies produced by American laboratories and factories. We must ensure that the United States provides an environment where the manufacturing industry can strive and grow.

SAMA helps with this initiative. The Association advocates for policies that will boost American manufacturing and help train the next generation of manufacturers.

The manufacturing industry stimulates the economy by providing good paying jobs and creating high-quality American products. More than 1,500 manufacturing companies operate in the San Antonio area alone, and in 2011, these companies' combined impact on the local economy reached \$22.5 billion.

San Antonians greatly benefit from the manufacturing industry. Over 50,000 residents of the Alamo City work in this industry and the

average wage is 11 percent higher than the average wage for all San Antonio jobs. So the manufacturing industry is good for all Americans, especially those in Central Texas.

Congratulations, San Antonio Manufacturers Association, on reaching the century mark. And thank you for all you do for San Antonio and the great State of Texas.

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE TRAVELING EXOTIC ANIMAL PROTECTION ACT

**HON. JAMES P. MORAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 30, 2014*

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Traveling Exotic Animal Protection Act. This legislation would restrict the use of exotic, non-domesticated animals in traveling entertainment.

Based upon publically available research, including video and photographic evidence, it is clear that traveling circuses cannot provide proper living conditions for exotic animals. This legislation is intended to target the most egregious situations involving exotic and wild animals in traveling circuses. Keeping elephants in chains, confining lions and tigers in small cages, forcing them to perform unnatural tricks for the sole purpose of human amusement is increasingly difficult to justify the more we learn about these intelligent, social creatures.

The Traveling Exotic Animal Protection Act would comprehensively tackle the use of all exotic animals in circuses. The bill would end the confinement of animals for extended periods in temporary facilities, stop cruel training and control methods employed by circuses, and limit the danger these animals pose to public safety. The bill intentionally targets only the most egregious conditions these exotic animals are subjected to and would not impact zoos, aquariums, rodeos or other static facilities with captive wildlife.

While this Congress needs to take action on a variety of issues vital to our nation's well-being, I believe we should also take the opportunity to focus public attention on instances of fundamental animal mistreatment. How we choose to treat animals is a reflection of our nation's values, for better or worse. Too often, however, inhumane activities are hidden, rarely discussed, and left to continue unabated.

The Traveling Exotic Animal Protection Act will ensure this significant animal protection issue, the use of exotic animals in traveling entertainment, receives proper scrutiny. I look forward to working with my colleagues to advance this important animal protection legislation.

CONGRATULATING CHRISTINE SULLIVAN

**HON. JOHN F. TIERNEY**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 30, 2014*

Mr. TIERNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Christine Sullivan on her retirement and thank her for her dedicated service

to the residents and small businesses in the Sixth District, and throughout Massachusetts.

For the last twelve years, Christine has served as the CEO of the Enterprise Center at Salem State University. Under Christine's leadership, the Enterprise Center has grown to provide numerous opportunities for local small businesses to improve and expand their operations. The Center offers more than 70 annual business skill workshops as well as a variety of specialized development programs including the Million Dollar Women Symposium, the 128 Venture North Breakfast series, and an extensive Mentor Program and the Growth Program.

The Enterprise Center currently works with more than 6,000 small business owners and employees in more than 142 communities throughout the state.

Before joining the Enterprise Center, Christine founded and served as CEO of Hawthorne Associates, a marketing, advertising and public relations firm serving clients in the US and internationally. Christine also served as Massachusetts Secretary of Consumer Affairs, Chief of Staff to former Congressman Michael Harrington, and Chair of the Communications Department at Endicott College.

Christine not only serves her community through her work at the Enterprise Center, she serves as a Director of Beverly Cooperative Bank, the North Shore Alliance for Economic Development, the Salem YMCA, the Salem Chamber of Commerce, the Salem Award for Human Rights and Social Justice, and the Creative Economy Council of Massachusetts.

I congratulate Christine on her successful career and wish her well as she begins her retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. GARY C. PETERS**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. PETERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, on Monday April 28, 2014 I was not present for 2 votes. I wish the record to reflect my intentions had I been present to vote.

Had I been present for rollcall No. 178, I would have voted "yea."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 179, I would have voted "yea."

RECOGNIZING MAINE APPALACHIAN TRAIL CLUB FOR WHITE CAP MOUNTAIN PROJECT

**HON. CHELLIE PINGREE**

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Ms. PINGREE of Maine. Mr. Speaker, I'm proud to be from a state that features some of the most beautiful and diverse natural landscapes in the country. From the mountains to the sea, with deep woods in between, Maine has many places that inspire a sense of wonder for the world around us.

That said, they are not always easy to reach. For that reason, I'm grateful for organizations and volunteers in our state who work so hard to protect these special places while

building trails and other accommodations so the public can enjoy them.

I would like to recognize one of these groups in particular for recently restoring a key section of the Appalachian Trail, which stretches from Georgia to Maine. With partner organizations and dedicated volunteers, the Maine Appalachian Trail Club rebuilt the trail up White Cap Mountain, whose summit boasts some of the most spectacular views in the state. Support from the Federal Recreational Trails Program—an absolutely critical source of funding that has helped build thousands of miles of public trails across the country—was also critical to the project's success.

The difficulty of the rebuilding should not be understated. The trail is in a remote location on very rugged terrain. But the club's care and hard work have resulted in a path that will last for many years, accommodate more hikers, and limit environmental impacts on the mountain. Thousands of hikers have already used the newly refurbished trail.

Mr. Speaker, projects like this that benefit our community and deepen our appreciation of nature should not go unrecognized. My sincere congratulations go to the Maine Appalachian Trail Club on a job well done.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF JASON HUG ON HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY

**HON. ROBERT E. LATTA**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Jason Hug of Bryan, Ohio has accepted an offer of appointment to the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York.

Jason's offer of appointment poises him to attend the United States Military Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2018. Attending one of our nation's military academies is an invaluable experience that offers a world-class education, while placing demands on those who undertake one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Jason brings an enormous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2018. While attending Bryan High School in Bryan, Ohio, Jason was on the Honor Roll, was awarded numerous outstanding scholar athlete awards, a member of the National Honor Society, and maintained a 4.0 grade point average that placed him first in his class.

Throughout high school, Jason played football, basketball, baseball, and track and field, being voted captain of his football team his senior year. In addition, Jason was class president and volunteered at his church and other community events. I am confident that Jason will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Military Academy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Jason Hug on the acceptance of his appointment to the United States Military Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education avail-

able. I am positive that Jason will excel during his career at the Military Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to the Nation.

RECOGNIZING THE ILLINOIS MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE ACADEMY STUDENTS SELECTED AS FINALISTS IN NASA'S EXPLORATION DESIGN CHALLENGE

**HON. BILL FOSTER**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the student engineers of Team Titan from the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy for being selected as national finalists in NASA's Exploration Design Challenge. Team Titan, led by Dr. Eric Hawker, is one of just five high school teams from across the country to be selected as finalists for the opportunity to contribute to the design of radiation shields for NASA's Orion spacecraft.

Over 125,000 students from 81 countries have participated in NASA's Exploration Design Challenge. This competition is designed to engage students on the topic of space exploration and challenge them to think like scientists and engineers.

The shield designed by Team Titan could protect a sensor inside the Orion spacecraft against space radiation. Team Titan's design was reviewed by Orion engineers, as well as educators from NASA and the National Institute of Aerospace, and selected as a finalist among the forty-six teams that submitted engineering notebooks with radiation shield designs.

IMSA has continuously demonstrated a dedication to offering the kind of education necessary to create future generations of scientists and engineers. Team Titan's selection as a finalist in NASA's Exploration Design Challenge provides a shining example of why IMSA is internationally recognized for its leadership in teaching science, technology, engineering, and mathematics to students in grades 10–12.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy, Dr. Eric Hawker, and the students of Team Titan: Cassandra Erwin, Ryan Franks, Claire Hensley, Michael Hreck, Alec Mangan, and Alonzo Marsh, for being selected as finalists in NASA's Exploration Design Challenge.

ARTICLE FROM TODAY'S FINANCIAL TIMES ENTITLED, "CHINA TO OVERTAKE U.S. AS TOP ECONOMIC POWER THIS YEAR"

**HON. JIM COOPER**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. COOPER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to submit the following article from today's Financial Times entitled, "China To overtake U.S. as top economic power this year".