

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2015

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect and admiration that I rise today in observation of Women's History Month and its 2015 theme: Weaving the Stories of Women's Lives. Each year, the National Women's History Project selects a unifying theme to recognize and promote Women's History Month. This year's theme recounts the individual and collective narratives that have been woven into the history of our nation and celebrates the important economic, cultural, political, and social contributions women have made to our history and their continued impact on our future. This year also marks the 35th anniversary of the National Women's History Project.

Women have played a crucial and unique role throughout America's history by providing the majority of the volunteer labor force in the country. American women of every race, class, and ethnic background have served as early leaders in every major progressive social change movement including the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, and the peace movement. These remarkable women were leaders and organizers who not only secured their own rights and access to equal opportunity, but also served as a voice for many disenfranchised and undervalued populations.

Throughout our nation's history, there are many examples of women who have worked diligently to uncover these stories of leadership and have succeeded in writing women into the pages of our nation's history. Strong role models such as Delilah L. Beasley, the first African American woman to be regularly published in a major metropolitan newspaper, and Eleanor Flexner, whose groundbreaking 1959 book, *Century of Struggle: The Woman's Rights Movement in the United States*, brought to light the adversity women overcame in the workplace and the voting booth. These women pioneered the way for other great journalists, historians, educators, and anthropologists such as Lynn Sherr, a broadcast journalist and author who advocated for women's equal access to healthcare and social change both on screen and in print. Because of these courageous trailblazers women today are empowered to share their stories of achievement, leadership, courage, and strength, and to speak out against injustice, prejudice, and inequality.

These revolutionary women have retold their own personal tales of struggles and successes, as well as the tribulations and triumphs of other women. These accounts of the lives of individual women are pivotal because they not only acknowledge strong female role models who share an unlimited vision of what a woman can accomplish, but they also chal-

lenge stereotypes and social assumptions about who women are and what women can achieve today. Numerous female scholars, authors, and social activists, both past and present, serve as outstanding examples who reflect the 2015 theme, Weaving the Stories of Women's Lives.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to join in celebrating Women's History Month and to recognize that after decades of dedication, perseverance, contributions, and advances, the stories of American women from all cultures and classes are being printed, spoken, recognized, and celebrated. In an effort to illustrate the many courageous and dedicated women throughout America's history, we remember and recount the tales of our ancestors' talents, sacrifices, and commitments that serve as an inspiration to today's generation of both women and men. I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in celebrating the many ways that women's history has become woven into the fabric of our national story.

IN HONOR OF MAE CAROL JOHNSON

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2015

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a great American. I had the honor of knowing Mae Carol Johnson of Seaside, California, for many years. Mae was the Monterey Peninsula's super mom. She dedicated her life to service. No matter who you were, she wanted to help. She combined the world's biggest heart with its biggest smile. She lit up every room she entered and when she spoke everybody wanted to listen. She died on February 24, 2015 at the age of 82. Her passing has left a huge hole in the fabric of our community.

Mae lived a full life. She was born in Columbus, Georgia. She moved to the Monterey Peninsula in 1954 and after her divorce in 1962, she took on the responsibility of raising her daughter and 5 sons as a single parent. She worked as a domestic by day and took college courses at night to earn a teaching credential which launched her career as an educator.

During her impressive 35 year career, she served as a teacher, counselor, dean, vice principal and principal. Her reading and thinking programs, developed under her leadership at Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School received state recognition. In 1987, she was a recipient of the Milken Family Foundation Educator Award. She served on several boards including the Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula, the Community Foundation of Monterey County, and The Village Project. Mae was a founding member of the Delta Sigma Theta, Sorority, Inc. Monterey Peninsula Alumnae Chapter and a member of Friendship Baptist Church.

Mae earned her Masters Degree from the Monterey Institute of International Studies. She embraced her role as a leader and her campuses were training grounds for several top Monterey Peninsula Unified School District principals. She challenged others to always strive for excellence.

Mae enjoyed poetry, the performing arts and family gatherings. She is predeceased by her daughter, Roselyn Johnson. She is survived by her brother, Cleotis Webb, Coleman, GA, sister, Cheryl Lawrence, Chicago, IL, sons Andre and Ronald Johnson of Monterey, Edwin Johnson of Las Vegas, Kenneth Johnson of Tracy and Robert (Bobby) Johnson of Los Angeles, 9 grandchildren and her beloved friend and companion, Martin Taylor.

Mr. Speaker, I know that I speak for the whole House in sharing our condolences with Mae's children, grandchildren, extended family, and countless friends. We owe them a debt of gratitude for sharing such a remarkable woman with our nation. The world is a better place because of Mae's journey with it.

A TRIBUTE TO NOLAN HELLICKSON IN THE FIRST SES- SION OF THE 114TH CONGRESS

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Nolan Hellickson of Southeast Polk High School for winning the Class 3A 126 pound bracket at the Iowa High School State Wrestling tournament on February 21, 2015.

Iowa has a long and proud history of strong wrestling programs in our state, producing college and Olympic champions for years. Winning a state championship is the culmination of years of hard work and commitment, not only on the part of Mr. Hellickson, but also his family, teammates, and coaches.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this student-athlete demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication, and perseverance. I am honored to represent him and his family in the United States Congress. I know all of my colleagues in the House join me in congratulating Nolan on competing in this rigorous competition and wishing continued success in his education and wrestling career.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 104TH BIRTHDAY OF ANNE THEROUX

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2015

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Anne Theroux, a resident of Harwich, who today celebrates her 104th birthday.

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Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.

Anne was born on March 4, 1911. Anne is a mother of seven successful children, many grandchildren and great grandchildren. Anne, a dedicated and caring mother of strong faith, also helped support her family by working as a school teacher for many years in Massachusetts.

Anne, a woman of many talents, is an avid reader, daily solver of crossword puzzles and finds time to pursue her artistic talents in painting, stained glasswork and woodcarving. She has an unflinching positive outlook and is a wonderful example to her family and friends.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Anne Theroux on this joyous occasion of her 104th birthday. I ask that my colleagues join me in wishing her many more years of health and happiness.

TRIBUTE TO LEONARD NIMOY

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2015

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Leonard Nimoy of Los Angeles, California, who passed away on the morning of February 27, 2015, at the age of 83.

Leonard Nimoy, best known for his iconic role as Mr. Spock in the popular science fiction television series and motion picture franchise *Star Trek*, was born on March 26, 1931 in Boston, Massachusetts, to Dora and Max Nimoy, Orthodox Jews and Ukrainian immigrants.

Leonard began his acting career at 8 years old performing in local plays and continued acting through his high school years. After coming to Hollywood, he landed small parts in the movies *Zombies of the Stratosphere*, *Queen for a Day* and *Rhubarb* and in 1952, had his first starring movie role with *Kid Monk Baroni*. During the early 1950's, Mr. Nimoy enlisted in the United States Army Reserves where he spent nearly two years, writing, narrating, and emceeing shows for the Army Special Services branch.

After leaving the military, he returned to California, and achieved wide visibility appearing on television shows such as *Rawhide*, *Perry Mason* and *Wagon Train*, until he landed the role in 1966 of the half-Vulcan Mr. Spock in *Star Trek*, for which he garnered three Emmy nominations. It was in this role that he became a folk hero, helping create Vulcan culture such as the Vulcan salute and Vulcan neck pinch. The incredibly popular original series spawned an animated television show, various new television series, movies and sparked a devoted following of *Star Trek* that exists to this day. After the original *Star Trek* series ended in 1969, Leonard continued acting in movies and television, performed voice-over work and acted in stage plays. In 1979, he returned as Mr. Spock in the movie *Star Trek: The Motion Picture* and in 1982's *Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan*, directed the movies *Star Trek III: The Search for Spock* and *Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home* and appeared in the 2009 and 2013 *Star Trek* movies.

In addition to being an actor, producer and director, Mr. Nimoy was also a prolific poet, writer, photographer and singer, who often lent

his talents to charitable organizations. He and his wife, Susan Bay-Nimoy were generous supporters of the arts, educational programs and public astronomy. They provided substantial assistance to the Hammer Museum in Los Angeles through their Leonard and Susan Bay-Nimoy Family Foundation, the esteemed The Thalia Theater in New York was renamed the Leonard Nimoy Thalia Theater, and they were major supporters of the Griffith Observatory in Los Angeles' historic 2002–2006 expansion, where the Leonard Nimoy Event Horizon theater shows the Leonard Nimoy-narrated documentary film *The Once and Future Griffith Observatory* about the history, recent renovation, and future of the Observatory.

Leonard is survived by his wife, actress and director Susan Bay-Nimoy, his children, Adam and Julie Nimoy, stepson Aaron Bay Schuck, six grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and his brother Melvin.

I would like to convey my deepest sympathies to Leonard's family and friends, as well as extend my heartfelt thanks for his many contributions to the arts and science. The entire global community will greatly miss Mr. Spock, who indeed lived long and prospered.

RECOGNIZING THE 27TH ANNIVERSARY OF VIOLENCE AGAINST THE ARMENIAN COMMUNITY IN SUMGAIT, AZERBAIJAN

HON. KATHERINE M. CLARK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2015

Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, February 27 marked the 27th anniversary of harrowing violence against the Armenian community in Sumgait, Azerbaijan.

I am proud to stand today with the Armenian-American community, including many of my constituents in Massachusetts, in remembrance and mourning of this unspeakable tragedy.

In February of 1988, anti-Armenian rallies through Azerbaijan gave way to waves of ethnically-motivated violence, death and destruction. In the aftermath of these terrible events, Azerbaijan's Armenian community all but disappeared, with thousands displaced, culminating in a war against the people of Nagorno Karabakh.

That war resulted in almost 30,000 dead on both sides. Hundreds of thousands of refugees were forced to flee their homes. And to this day, those who lost their lives or were displaced by this violence still seek resolution and justice.

Many displaced Armenian families have sought refuge in America, and are now making vital contributions in the Fifth District of Massachusetts. Proudly, our diverse District is home to one of the largest Armenian communities in the nation. Together, our community is a thriving example of strength and perseverance in the face of extreme adversity.

Like the persecution of too many others before it, the lessons of the Sumgait Pogrom must not be forgotten.

We have a moral obligation to promote tolerance and justice, and we have a duty to recognize the atrocities that have kept us from our common goal.

A TRIBUTE TO FRANK W. BERLIN IN THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 114TH CONGRESS

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Frank W. Berlin III on the occasion of his 70th birthday.

After graduating from Valley High School in West Des Moines, Class of 1963, Mr. Berlin enlisted in the United States Army, 173rd Airborne Brigade. From 1965 to 1967, Private First Class E3 Berlin served with undeniable valor while deployed to the Republic of Vietnam. In fact, while serving as gunner on a UH-1D PFC helicopter during an emergency extraction, PFC Berlin, with utter disregard for his own safety, stationed himself on the landing skid of the aircraft and counter-attacked the enemy below, saving his flight crew and the extraction team. For his actions, PFC Berlin was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for heroism on December 7, 1966.

Following Vietnam, Mr. Berlin returned to Iowa to get married, start a family and with the entrepreneurial spirit of that generation, establish a successful insurance agency under his namesake. That legacy continues on today.

Mr. Berlin is an Iowan of whom we can all be proud. We must never forget those who have served this nation and fought for our freedoms. Mr. Berlin continues to proudly support our Department of Defense military service men and women. His efforts benefit military families through local, state and national charities.

It is with great honor that I, along with his five grandchildren—Isabelle, Emma, Gretta, Evan and Frank—recognize his patriotism on his 70th birthday. I know that my colleagues in the House join me in honoring his accomplishments. I thank him for his service and wish him and his family all the best moving forward.

SHEETZ—500 AND COUNTING: HONORING SHEETZ AND THE BEST SANDWICHES IN THE COUNTRY

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2015

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the efforts of the Sheetz family and their all-American story of business success. Once a small family operated dairy store in Altoona, Pennsylvania, the Sheetz brand has grown into one of the most well loved brands in the country, with 14,500 employees and 437 locations across six states. Their business has changed with the demands of the country, and they have brought us innovations like MTO sandwiches and touch screen ordering, which was first installed in Altoona back in 1993. Recently, the Sheetz family proudly opened their 500th store in Thomasville, North Carolina—over 400 miles away from where the business was first born 63 years ago in Central Pennsylvania.

Originally called Sheetz Kwik Shopper, the company's success is a wonderful example of what makes this nation great. It all started

when Bob Sheetz purchased one of his father's dairy stores. After hiring his brother, Steve, the pair's original business plan was to open one store a year by 1972. With 500 stores currently open across Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Ohio, and North Carolina, their plan was a resounding success. Five members of the Sheetz family serve on the company's executive committee including Bob's son as president, and Steve, as Chairman of the board. Despite all of their growth and expansion, it remains a family business to this day.

That is why it is no surprise that the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development and Team Pennsylvania Foundation have named Sheetz one of the best places to work in Pennsylvania for the last 13 consecutive years. I want to thank the Sheetz' family for their dedication to the community, and their friendly service to the thousands of families that visit their stores each day.

I would also personally like to congratulate Sheetz on opening their 500th store. Their effort to turn the business into one of the fastest growing family operated convenience store chains in the world is remarkable, but is also no surprise to anyone who has met a member of the Sheetz family. With plans to open 1,000 total stores in the future, Sheetz is not slowing down. I am extremely proud to represent the Altoona area, and to be able to tell all of my colleagues on Capitol Hill that the 9th District is the birthplace of some of the best sandwiches in the country.

RECOGNIZING MRS. KAREN BURCH AS THE 2016 SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA, TEACHER OF THE YEAR

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2015

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Mrs. Karen Burch as the 2016 Santa Rosa County, Florida, Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Burch has proven to be a truly exceptional educator whose impact extends far beyond her students, and I am proud to recognize her success and outstanding achievements.

Mrs. Burch began her education career as an Exceptional Student Education (ESE) para professional, working to ensure that ESE students received the instruction and attention needed to thrive in the classroom. Her commitment to serving the ESE student population led her to enroll in the University of West Florida's Para to Teacher program, and after graduation from UWF, Mrs. Burch began working as an ESE teacher at S.S. Dixon Primary School. During her seven years as a teacher at S.S. Dixon, Mrs. Burch's determination and patience have helped her provide exceptional education to ESE students from kindergarten to second grade.

Constantly striving to lead by example, Mrs. Burch demonstrates her leadership skills outside of the classroom as the head of the school's Positive Behavior Committee and as a mentor to other teachers and student teachers currently enrolled at the University of West Florida.

Prior to her professional career in education, Mrs. Burch honorably served our Nation as a member of the United States Air Force. During her military service, Mrs. Burch worked as a Training Manager in a Civil Engineering Squadron and maintained top secret materials and information for the F-15 Fighter Training School. The leadership skills and commitment to service that Mrs. Burch developed while in the Air Force have proven to be integral to her success working with students with emotional and behavioral needs and inspiring them to reach their full potential.

Mr. Speaker, teachers are amongst our most valuable public servants, and they play an integral role in shaping the future of our Nation. The Santa Rosa County Teacher of the Year award is a true reflection of Mrs. Burch's steadfast dedication to the students of Santa Rosa County. She has proven to be among the many exceptional teachers in our Nation, and on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to recognize Mrs. Karen Burch for her accomplishments and her continuing commitment to excellence. My wife Vicki joins me in congratulating Mrs. Burch as the 2016 Santa Rosa County, Florida Teacher of the Year and thanking her for her dedication to serving the students, teachers, and families of the Northwest Florida community. We wish her all the best for continued success.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2015

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$18,149,752,816,959.60. We've added \$7,522,875,768,046.52 to our debt in 6 years. This is over \$7.5 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

HONORING GRACEWORKS MINISTRIES ON THEIR 20TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2015

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate GraceWorks Ministries on their 20th anniversary of success. GraceWorks Ministries is a Christian non-profit that cares for struggling citizens in need in the Tennessee Seventh Congressional District.

Each of us has a duty to be good stewards to our fellow citizens. Whether that means serving in Washington, on the battlefield or in our local communities and homes. Beginning in 1995, a handful of concerned residents based in Williamson County, Tennessee recognized a growing number of their fellow residents were struggling to meet basic physical,

emotional and spiritual needs. These residents banded together to provide financial assistance, food, faith, friendship and relief.

Twenty years later, thousands of Tennesseans continue to volunteer from community congregations, businesses and organizations to further the mission of GraceWorks Ministries, "by God's grace, to provide immediate and long-term resources to neighbors in need." In 2014 alone, GraceWorks helped well over 40,000 people by providing nutritious food, holiday baskets, gifts, clothing, home goods, educational programs and family counseling. These services not only rescue those in need, but also encourage participants to gradually move toward self-sufficiency.

I urge my colleagues to join me in commending Graceworks for their magnificent and generous service, which has enriched the lives of Tennesseans for the past twenty years.

A TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL ZACHARY IN THE FIRST SESSION OF THE 114TH CONGRESS

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Michael Zachary of Dowling Catholic High School for winning the Class 3A 132 pound bracket at the Iowa High School State Wrestling tournament on February 21, 2015.

Iowa has a long and proud history of strong wrestling programs in our state, producing college and Olympic champions for years. Winning a state championship is the culmination of years of hard work and commitment, not only on the part of Mr. Zachary, but also his family, teammates, and coaches.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this student-athlete demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication, and perseverance. I am honored to represent Michael and his family in the United States Congress. I know all of my colleagues in the House join me in congratulating Michael on competing in this rigorous competition and wishing continued success in his education and wrestling career.

HONORING THE LIFE AND DEDICATED SERVICE OF MAJOR JOSEPH REYNES, JR., UNITED STATES AIR FORCE RETIRED

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2015

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the life of Northwest Florida's beloved Major Joseph Reynes, Jr., United States Air Force Retired, who passed away on February 23, 2015. Major Reynes was a decorated veteran, committed public servant, and a loving family man, who served our Nation with honor and distinction. The Northwest Florida community mourns the loss of a great and compassionate man.

Born on March 1, 1934, in Medina, New York, to Joseph and Alice Jay Reynes, Major Reynes developed a fascination for fighter aircraft as a young child growing up on Long Island. While attending the State University of

New York at Buffalo, Major Reynes pursued his passion for flying and was commissioned in the United States Air Force in January 1955. Within months, Major Reynes pinned on his wings and was assigned to the 774th Troop Carrier Squadron at Ardmore Air Force Base, Oklahoma, where he would meet his future bride, LaRita Dawn Foster.

In 1960, upon completion of advanced fighter training at Nellis Air Force Base, Major Reynes received his orders as a fighter pilot in 44th Tactical Fighter Squadron, based at Kadena Air Force Base, Okinawa, and then in 1962, was assigned to the 481st Tactical Fighter Squadron at Cannon Air Force Base, New Mexico. Major Reynes deployed during the Vietnam War to DaNang Air Base, where he flew the A1E/H and T-28. During a combat support mission in September 1965, his plane was shot down. Major Reynes was rescued and later assigned to Luke Air Force Base as a F-100 Instructor Pilot. In 1968, he was promoted to the rank of Major, and in 1969, he joined the "Iron Hand" support missions flying over North Vietnam. Major Reynes completed his final tour at 5th Air Force Headquarters in Tokyo as the Chief of Standard Evaluation.

Throughout his distinguished Air Force Career, Major Reynes earned and was bestowed multiple honors including the Distinguished Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Distinguished Flying Cross with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Air Medal with eighteen Oak Leaf Clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal, Purple Heart, National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Service Star, Republic of Vietnam Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Air Force Longevity Service Award with four Oak Leaf Clusters, Combat Readiness Medal, and the Armed Forces Reserve Medal.

Upon his retirement from the Armed Forces, Major Reynes continued his service to our Nation as an active member of the local community. In 1980, he was first elected as Mayor of Gulf Breeze, Florida and served two terms. He also served as Deacon of Pensacola Beach Community Church and volunteered his time to assist local area veterans.

Some of his greatest moments, however, were spent coaching his son Joe's and grandson Harrison's baseball teams, as well as the Chofu High and Gulf Breeze High track teams, alongside his children. To his family and friends, Major Reynes will always be remembered as a loving husband, devoted father of three, and proud grandfather of six, and his contributions to our Nation and Northwest Florida will not be forgotten.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am proud to recognize the life and dedicated service of Major Joseph Reynes, Jr. My wife, Vicki, joins me in extending our deepest prayers and condolences to his wife LaRita Foster Reynes; children, Major General Joseph Reynes, Jr., Lisa Marie Reynes, Jeannette Prochaska; grandchildren; and the entire Reynes family.

THE PASSING OF J. MICHAEL
LENIHAN

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2015

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember a Rhode Island leader

whose example can remind us all of why we pursued public office in the first place. Former State Senator J. Michael Lenihan was the very definition of a public servant. He was an honest man and a charismatic leader, and he always put the needs of his constituents first.

Mike was a fierce advocate for transparency and open government, and his strong moral compass defined his distinguished career in government. A three-time recipient of Common Cause's Public Service Achievement Award, Mike was first elected to the East Greenwich Town Council and then went on to serve for 20 years in the Rhode Island State Senate. He fought for what he thought was right, no matter how difficult or unpopular it was. Mike wasn't afraid of making enemies, although he seldom did thanks to his kindness and genuine personality. You could always trust Mike to be honest and fair, and he was a valued advisor to so many Rhode Island leaders over the years.

A teacher by profession, Mike taught us all a lesson in how to be the best possible elected official.

I am so grateful that the Lenihan family was willing to share Mike with us, and I know how proud they are of his lifetime of service to Rhode Island. My deepest condolences go out to Mike's wife Patricia, his daughter Meghan and his grandchildren, Victoria and Bryanna, and I know my colleagues will join me in extending our sympathy to the entire Lenihan family.

TRIBUTE TO STATE SENATOR
DOROTHY S. "SUE" LANDSKE

HON. TODD ROKITA

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2015

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor State Senator Dorothy S. "Sue" Landske, a woman who was fully committed and dedicated to public service for close to a half century. She was known as a woman of warmth who gave indefatigably to those she represented and served.

Sue began her career in public service in 1978 when she was elected Lake County's Township Assessor. She held that position until 1984 when her effort to represent the people of Indiana's 6th Senatorial District proved successful.

While in the State Senate, Sue wrote and ushered to passage several significant pieces of legislation including bills to give free tuition to Purple Heart recipients, establish objective guidelines for creating legislative and congressional districts, and promote women entering the engineering field. In the final years of her senatorial tenure, Sue served as assistant president pro tempore and chair of the Senate Elections Committee.

It was in the election law and administration capacity that I, as Indiana's 59th Secretary of State, worked most closely with her, particularly on Indiana's best in the nation Photo ID at the polls law and the groundbreaking Vote Centers law. She was an excellent lawmaker and a good friend.

She was also a fellow "Regionite," one of several colorful names given to residents of our shared home area of Lake County, in the northwest corner of Indiana.

Service to the community extended beyond her elective service however. A veteran and Colonel of the National Guard Reserves, Sue also remained active in several community organizations. Her commitment to community service was widely recognized and she was a two-time recipient of the prestigious Sagamore of the Wabash Award, a high civilian honor granted only by the Governor. She received that award in both 1980 and 1983. She was also named Outstanding Republican Senator, Lake County Republican of the Year, Jay Cee's Citizen of the Year, and Business and Professional Woman of the Year.

Despite her extraordinary service and recognition, Sue's true source of pride remained her loving family. She and her husband William, who also devoted his life to public service, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 2007. She leaves her husband, daughters Cathy, Jackie, Pam and Cheryl, and cherished grandchildren. I offer to all of them, their extended families, and all Hoosiers who share the grief of her loss, my sincerest condolences.

A TRIBUTE TO JAKE MARNIN IN
THE FIRST SESSION OF THE
114TH CONGRESS

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Jake Marnin of Southeast Polk High School for winning the Class 3A Heavy Weight bracket at the Iowa High School State Wrestling tournament on February 21, 2015.

Iowa has a long and proud history of strong wrestling programs in our state, producing college and Olympic champions for years. Winning a state championship is the culmination of years of hard work and commitment, not only on the part of Mr. Marnin, but also his family, teammates, and coaches.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this student-athlete demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication, and perseverance. I am honored to represent Jake and his family in the United States Congress. I know all of my colleagues in the House join me in congratulating Jake on competing in this rigorous competition and wishing continued success in his education and wrestling career.

STEPHEN L. CALDWELL
COMMENTATION

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2015

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Stephen L. Caldwell, a recently retired Director of the Government Accountability Office's Homeland Security and Justice team. Steve and his team have provided indispensable support to Congressional Committees and individual Members of both the House of Representatives and the Senate throughout his long service to Congress, and to this nation.

As a past Chairman, and now Ranking Member of the Committee on Homeland Security, I have had the pleasure of working with Steve on many crucial security issues over the years. His experience, knowledge, and professionalism have made him a significant contributor to improving homeland security programs, domestically and abroad.

In his more than 30 years with the GAO, Steve has led the production of innumerable reports, and his work for our Committee has covered issues ranging from protecting our critical infrastructure to promoting resiliency in federal programs and in our civil society at large.

His astonishing thoroughness and dedication while working at GAO, one of our most essential independent agencies, has created a legacy that is respected in Congress, and certainly among his peers.

In recent years Steve has contributed to a number of GAO audits of particular interest and help to me as Chairman of the Committee, and now as Ranking Member, and has testified numerous times before our Committee and many others in both the House and Senate. He is known nationally and internationally as an expert regarding the security of the maritime global supply chain and critical infrastructure protection, and has spoken on these issues at innumerable conferences. His articles appear regularly in academic and industry journals.

Of particular importance, Steve has contributed to a number of recommendations that have led to significant changes in The Customs and Border Protection's programs that have improved the security of the maritime supply chain, among other issues, not only in the United States but around the world.

Personally, I will miss Steve's commitment, know-how, and enthusiasm, and I am sure I speak for the other Members of the Committee on Homeland Security, when I say that I am deeply in his debt. I sincerely thank him and his devoted family, and wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing Stephen L. Caldwell for his remarkable career. He has served well the Government Accountability Office, the Committee on Homeland Security, and countless others in the Federal Government, and especially the citizens of our nation who have benefited from his expertise and dedicated effort. Steve, we will surely miss your hard work, good humor, and sage advice.

THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA NATIONAL GUARD HOME RULE ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2015

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I introduce a bill that would give the mayor of the District of Columbia authority over deploying the D.C. National Guard, after consultation with the Commanding General of the D.C. National Guard, with the President retaining authority on federal matters. In local emergencies, including natural disasters and civil disturbances unrelated to national or homeland security, the mayor of the District should have the same authority that governors exercise over the Na-

tional Guard in their states. Each governor, as head of state, has the authority to mobilize the National Guard to protect his or her state, just as local militia did historically.

The National Guards in the 50 states operate under dual federal and local jurisdiction. Yet only the President and the Commanding General of the D.C. National Guard currently have the authority to deploy the D.C. National Guard for local and national purposes, respectively. Today, by far the most likely need for the D.C. National Guard here would be for natural disasters, such as hurricanes and floods, and to restore order in the wake of civil disturbances. The mayor, who knows the city better than any federal official and who works closely with federal security officials, should be able to call on the D.C. National Guard for local natural disasters and civil disturbances, after consultation with the Commanding General of the D.C. National Guard. The President should be focused on national matters, including homeland security, not local D.C. matters. Homeland security authority, with respect to the D.C. National Guard, would remain the sole province of the President, along with the power to nationalize the D.C. National Guard for federal matters at will. It does no harm to give the mayor this authority for civil disturbances and natural disasters. However, it could do significant harm to leave the mayor powerless to act quickly. If it makes sense that governors would have control over the mobilization and deployment of their National Guard, it makes equal sense for the mayor of the District, with a population the size of a small state, to have the same authority.

The mayor of the District, as head of state, should have the authority to deploy the D.C. National Guard in instances that do not rise to the level of homeland defense activities. My bill permits the mayor to only deploy the D.C. National Guard after consultation with the Commanding General of the D.C. National Guard. The bill is another important step toward completing the transfer of full self-government powers to the District. Congress began with the passage of the Home Rule Act of 1973, when it delegated most of its authority over District matters to an elected mayor and Council. The bill follows that model.

I urge my colleagues to support the bill.

A TRIBUTE TO ETHAN ANDERSON
IN THE FIRST SESSION OF THE
114TH CONGRESS

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Ethan Anderson of Southeast Polk High School for winning the Class 3A 220 pound bracket at the Iowa High School State Wrestling tournament on February 21, 2015.

Iowa has a long and proud history of strong wrestling programs in our state, producing college and Olympic champions for years. Winning a state championship is the culmination of years of hard work and commitment, not only on the part of Mr. Anderson, but also his family, teammates, and coaches.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this student-athlete demonstrates the rewards of hard

work, dedication, and perseverance. I am honored to represent Ethan and his family in the United States Congress. I know all of my colleagues in the House join me in congratulating Ethan on competing in this rigorous competition and wishing continued success in his education and wrestling career.

RECOGNIZING MR. SAMUEL
JOSEPH SIMON SR.

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2015

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and thank Samuel Joseph Simon Sr. for his 60 years of volunteer service to the Pennndel Fire Company. Sam is a remarkable individual of the highest moral character, and it is my pleasure to honor him today.

Sam's duty with the Pennndel Fire Company dates all the way back to 1955—after he served honorably in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. Over the years, no one has been more dedicated to the fire company than Sam. He has held almost every office imaginable: Pennndel Fire Chief, Pennndel Borough Fire Marshal, Assistant Chief, Captain, Lieutenant, Trustee, and Chairman of the Hall Committee. And, in each of these roles, Sam played an integral part in helping the fire company perform, save lives and grow as a unit.

Sam's true nature is volunteerism, a quality he has instilled in the future generations of his family. Over the years, Sam would routinely close his local automotive repair shop in order to respond to fire calls or drive an ambulance for the local emergency squad. Taking care of the people in his community was always his top priority.

In addition to his work at the fire company, Sam has given back to the people of Bucks County as a cofounder of the Bucks County Chapter of the Korean War Veterans Association, where he helped obtain the funds and oversaw the construction of the Korean Veterans Memorial in Doylestown, Pennsylvania—a site for all to see. Sam's passion for community service and devotion to helping people is unmatched. It is people like Sam that keep our neighborhoods thriving day after day. It is an honor to serve you in Congress, Sam. Thanks for all you've done for us.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICORPS VISTA

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2015

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the 50th Anniversary of AmeriCorps VISTA. AmeriCorps VISTA has been on the front lines in the fight against poverty in America for 50 years. Every year, more than 8,000 Americans—serving at 1,100 projects nationwide—dedicate their skills, talents and passion in efforts to overcome poverty.

Since 1965, VISTA members have served in some of our nation's most impoverished urban and rural areas. As a result of their dedication,

they continue to make a tangible difference in the lives of more than 46 million Americans who live in poverty. VISTA focuses on providing structural support for low-income communities in order to fight illiteracy, improve health services and foster economic development.

In Washington's 9th Congressional District, VISTA members work with several service organizations in the community. In partnership with the United Way of King County, volunteers help mentor students, advocate for the homeless and provide families with social services. Through their selfless service, VISTA members and volunteers have improved the quality of life for many in our community and continue to be a vital force in the fight against poverty.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I recognize AmeriCorps VISTA for its fifty years of service to our nation. VISTA members have set the standard for meaningful volunteer mobilization. I look forward to hearing about the future progress and success of VISTA for many years to come.

CATHERINE "KAY" SANTANGELO
NEST

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2015

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Catherine "Kay" Santangelo Nest who will celebrate her 80th birthday and be honored for a lifetime of dedicated community service and accomplishments tomorrow, Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at the Fort Lee Senior Center in Fort Lee, NJ.

Kay Nest was born and raised in West New York, NJ where she learned the value of community and fighting for a greater cause. Kay's father was an attorney who often donated his services to those who couldn't afford them and her mother worked for the West New York Board of Health for over 50 years. Kay's parents devoted much of their time volunteering for charitable and political causes and always lending a helping hand to those in need, so it does not come as a surprise that Kay has become the outstanding individual that she is today.

I am proud to say that Kay and I share the same Alma Mater, Fordham University, where she graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Education. Soon after, she married her husband Richard A. Nest, the late Mayor of Fort Lee, and they had their first and only child Richard B. Nest.

Kay has been a past president of UNICO, Palisades General Hospital Women's Auxiliary, the Friends of Fort Lee Public Library, and the Lions Club. She also served as a Trustee on the Board of Palisades General Hospital, the Chairperson of the Fort Lee Democratic Municipal Committee, Vice Chairman of the Bergen County Democratic Organization, Chairperson of the Fort Lee Parking Authority, Director of Fort Lee Citizen Council, and Chairperson of Fort Lee Housing Authority. Moreover, while taking up leadership positions in different organizations Kay still found the time to help all people in need, regardless of their stature in society.

Kay's love for helping others is what motivated her to enter life in politics. However, she

did not intend to go into politics herself but rather, to make sure that those who were elected to office provided new programs that helped those who were less fortunate and served the people who elected them. Kay was the passionate voice that brought Fort Lee its first two Senior Citizen Housing Apartments and a fully operational Senior Citizen Center along with it, ensuring that the elderly receive the proper care they deserve.

Kay exhibits the qualities of an individual we all strive to be more like. Her philanthropic work in her community has been recognized and led to her being named the 2006 Person of the Year by the Fort Lee Rotary Club in honor of her dedicated and outstanding service to her community at large over the years.

Kay is someone everyone in society can aspire to emulate. I have known Kay Nest for many years as a friend and as a fellow public servant. I have always admired Kay and she has truly brightened our world with her compassion and kind nature.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to recognizing and commemorating the achievements of individuals such as Kay Nest.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, Kay's coworkers, family and friends, all those whose lives she has touched, and me, in recognizing the work of Mrs. Catherine "Kay" Santangelo Nest.

THE AMERICAN HEALTH SECURITY
ACT OF 2015

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2015

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the American Health Security Act of 2015, legislation to provide comprehensive health coverage to every American and recognize that health care is a human right.

The Affordable Care Act was a dramatic step forward in improving the health security of the American people. This landmark law has expanded access to coverage, improved the solvency of our public programs, and made numerous reforms that have saved consumers billions of dollars. As we look for ways to build upon and strengthen the law, we must recognize that millions of Americans continue to fall through the cracks in the private health insurance market. The only way to truly ensure that access to quality health care is a right enjoyed by every American is through a single-payer system.

The American Health Security Act builds upon the success of the Affordable Care Act by providing universal health coverage to all Americans. It creates a framework that allows states to administer their own universal health insurance systems, subject to rigorous federal standards. Benefits would be comprehensive, costs would be contained, and patients would have full choice of doctor and hospital. This universal model would put an end to the inequities that continue to plague our system and jeopardize the health security of American families.

A TRIBUTE TO MARK BAUDLER IN
THE FIRST SESSION OF THE
114TH CONGRESS

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Mark Baudler for being awarded the Prudential Spirit of Community Award.

Mark was selected for this honor because of his diligent work on a greenhouse for the Nodaway Valley High School. He planned, organized, fundraised and supervised the construction for separate Eagle Scout and FFA projects.

The Prudential Spirit of Community Award is a nationwide program honoring young people for outstanding acts of volunteerism. I am proud to see such a strong volunteer spirit in the youth of the 3rd district of Iowa and applaud his parents, Ron and Susan Baudler, teachers and community members that have exemplified volunteerism to Mark.

I know that all of my colleagues in the House join me in congratulating him on being recognized with this award, and I wish him continued success in his future education.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2015

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to have it noted in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD that I was unable to vote on the Homeland Security Department Continuing Resolution last Friday night due to previously scheduled events held in my district in Houston.

One of my biggest priorities as a Member of this Chamber is being present for every vote. I hope that the majority will make sure that future votes are held during scheduled times.

If I had been available Friday evening, I would have voted "yea."

UNEQUIVOCAL SUPPORT FOR
ISRAEL—AND NO ILLUSIONS
ABOUT IRAN'S MURDEROUS INTENTIONS

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2015

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to thank my colleague, Mr. STEWART, for reserving this time to send a message of vigorous, unequivocal, and unflinching U.S. support for Israel.

Mr. Speaker, on the eve of Prime Minister Netanyahu's historic address, we have to join his efforts to set the focus on the existential, genocidal threat Iran poses to Israel.

We have to be realistic about Iranian President Rouhani because many in the media—and some in the administration—have been reluctant to do that. Rouhani has a long history of murderous anti-Semitism and anti-

Americanism. The corpses are all over the globe.

Rouhani chaired Iran's National Security Council from 1989 to 2005—the years when Iran plotted the 1994 bombing of the AMIA Jewish cultural center, which killed 85 people in Buenos Aires. The 1996 attack on the Khobar Towers was also under his tenure—this one killed 19 U.S. servicemen in Saudi Arabia. He continues to support the global terrorism of Hezbollah.

Likewise, Rouhani's defense minister, Hossein Dehghan, participated in plotting the 1983 U.S. Marine barracks bombing in Beirut—this crime took the lives of 241 Americans, including Paul Innocenzi from my district. His Justice Minister, Mostafa Pour-Mohammadi, played a role in 1988 and 1998 in the summary executions of Iranian political prisoners and killings of intellectuals, as well as assassinations abroad.

Mr. Speaker, this is the man that our government and Prime Minister Netanyahu are dealing with. For 16 years Rouhani ran Iran's nuclear program. He has boasted openly of his success in using negotiations as a tool to buy time to advance his program.

The question before us is whether the agreement President Obama is trying to close with Rouhani is yet another deal favorable to the Iranian government, allowing it to move the hand on the nuclear clock yet closer to midnight.

There are many signs that this is the case. Most reports on the negotiations are that the administration is not trying to prevent a nuclear Iran, but only to preserve some "break-out time"—yet will not require the kind of transparency to make even that a remotely reliable measure. Even worse, it seems the administration is prepared to accept a "sunset clause"—a date after which Iranian nuclear arms would be completely legitimated. And the deal being crafted reportedly ignores Iran's ballistic missile program.

All this amounts to a potential catastrophe. Unfortunately, the administration seems to have telegraphed its determination to get a deal with Rouhani—almost any deal—and to shut Congress out. This is why I am concerned, and why we in Congress and the American people need to hear all the more from Prime Minister Netanyahu.

Let's let the Prime Minister know that Congress and the American people stand with Israel, without any 'ifs,' or 'buts,' or 'so long as,' or any other qualifiers, and without any illusions about the murderous and manipulative intentions of Rouhani. I'd like to close by thanking Speaker BOEHNER for inviting Prime Minister Netanyahu.

A TRIBUTE TO ALEX THOMSEN IN THE FIRST SESSION 114TH CONGRESS

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Alex Thomsen, a freshman at Underwood High School for winning the Class IA 113 pound bracket at the Iowa High School State Wrestling tournament on February 21, 2015.

Iowa has a long and proud history of strong wrestling programs in our state, producing college and Olympic champions for years. Winning a state championship is the culmination of years of hard work and commitment, not only on the part of Mr. Thomsen, but also his parents Eric and Debbie Thomsen, his family and coaches.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this student-athlete demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication, and perseverance. I am honored to represent him and his family in the United States Congress. I know all of my colleagues in the House join me in congratulating Alex on competing in this rigorous competition and wishing continued success in his education and high school wrestling career.

COMMEMORATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF BROWNSVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

HON. FILEMON VELA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2015

Mr. VELA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Brownsville Independent School District (BISD).

In March 1915, the Texas House of Representatives and Senate both approved a measure transferring control of the city's public education to the newly created BISD. Prior to the establishment of a school board, the City of Brownsville maintained control of the school system. The Brownsville Board of Trustees met for the first time on March 25, 1915, and was presided by Board President Dr. J.L. Wortman.

The newly established Brownsville Independent School District included Brownsville High School, City Grammar School, the Blalack School, the Las Matanzas School, the Media Luna School, the Nopalita School, the Linerro School, and the West Brownsville School. Superintendent of Schools Lizzie M. Bardour and several trustees continued their service as the schools transitioned from city to board control, and the board instituted a new curriculum that included the creation of a department of domestic economy and an improved science department complete with a full skeleton.

Today, BISD is made up of 58 schools serving 50,000 students and employing 7,200—making the school district the largest employer within a 95-mile radius in the Rio Grande Valley. Of the 58 schools, there are 7 high schools, 11 middle schools, 37 elementary schools, and 3 alternative schools. One of the schools, Filemon B. Vela Middle School, was named after my father who was a Brownsville native and served as a U.S. District Court Judge for the Southern District of Texas. The school district maintains a rich cultural heritage and prepares graduates to pursue higher education and careers including medicine, engineering, science, technology, mathematics, and law enforcement.

BISD is also an active member of the U.S. Chess Federation, and is nationally recognized as one of the top chess programs in the nation. Several years ago, BISD students were featured on HBO's "Real Sports" with Bryant Gumbel showcasing the program. The school district is a powerhouse, taking stu-

dents of all grade levels to compete in tournaments around the nation.

Through rigorous academic programs such as early college high school, extracurricular activities ranging from band to estudiantina to actors guild, and highly competitive sports—whether football, soccer or swimming—BISD is leading its students, faculty and staff to new heights. BISD is a trailblazer in its own right and worthy of recognition as it reaches this important milestone.

The continued growth in the student population and number of schools has not changed the original mission of BISD, which is to help students become better stewards of society. Mr. Speaker, this month Brownsville Independent School District celebrates its 100th Anniversary and prepares for the next 100 years with continued dedication to providing all students with a high quality education.

A TRIBUTE TO CHASE SHILTZ IN THE FIRST SESSION OF THE 114TH CONGRESS

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Chase Shiltz of Creston, Iowa for winning the Class 2A 160 pound bracket at the Iowa High School State Wrestling tournament on February 21, 2015.

Iowa has a long and proud history of strong wrestling programs in our state, producing college and Olympic champions for years. Winning a state championship is the culmination of years of hard work and commitment, not only on the part of Mr. Shiltz, but also his parents John and Dorie Shiltz, his family, and coaches.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this student-athlete demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication, and perseverance. I am honored to represent him and his family in the United States Congress. I know all of my colleagues in the House of Representatives join me in congratulating Chase on competing in this rigorous competition and wishing continued success in his education and high school wrestling career.

CONGRATULATING THE PORT HUENEME CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. JULIA BROWNLEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2015

Ms. BROWNLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize and congratulate the Port Hueneme Chamber of Commerce on the occasion of its 75th anniversary. Since its inception on September 24, 1956, the Port Hueneme Chamber of Commerce has played a vital role in the growth and advancement of the City of Port Hueneme's business community.

The Port Hueneme Chamber of Commerce is a nonprofit California corporation, organized for the purpose of advancing the commercial,

industrial, civic, and general interest of the City of Port Hueneme, the Oxnard Harbor District, and surrounding trade areas. One of the Chamber's earliest and most important accomplishments includes its fundamental role in the incorporation of the City of Port Hueneme in 1948.

Among its many services and programs, the Port Hueneme Chamber of Commerce answers inquiries regarding city matters, promotes community activities and engagement, monitors legislation affecting the business community, provides networking opportunities at events and meetings, and publishes a Business Directory for the City of Port Hueneme.

The Port Hueneme Chamber of Commerce continuously fosters working relationships and collaborations with many different stakeholders within Port Hueneme. Through its strong membership, varied community programs and special committees, the Port Hueneme Chamber of Commerce pays tribute to the history and diversity of its community.

I am honored to recognize the Port Hueneme Chamber of Commerce on the celebration of its 75th anniversary. I applaud and thank the Port Hueneme Chamber of Commerce for the essential role it has had and continues to have in the enrichment and successful growth of the City of Port Hueneme.

A TRIBUTE TO ISAAH PATTON IN
THE FIRST SESSION OF THE
114TH CONGRESS

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Isaiiah Patton of Dowling Catholic High School for winning the Class 3A 170 pound bracket at the Iowa High School State Wrestling tournament on February 21, 2015.

Iowa has a long and proud history of strong wrestling programs in our state, producing college and Olympic champions for years. Winning a state championship is the culmination of years of hard work and commitment, not only on the part of Mr. Patton, but also his family, teammates, and coaches.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this student-athlete demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication, and perseverance. I am honored to represent Isaiiah and his family in the United States Congress. I know all of my colleagues in the House join me in congratulating Isaiiah on competing in this rigorous competition and wishing continued success in his education and wrestling career.

CELEBRATING THE 2015 PANAMA-
PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL EXPO-
SITION CENTENNIAL

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2015

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, with great pride I join my constituents and all San Francisco Bay Area residents in celebration of the 2015 Panama-Pacific International Exposition Cen-

tennial—our yearlong civic celebration to commemorate the Exposition's historic significance and reflect on its legacy.

One hundred years ago San Francisco welcomed nearly 20 million visitors from across the nation and around the world to witness its rebirth after the devastating 1906 Earthquake and fire and its emergence as a global city.

Six hundred acres along the western waterfront of the Marina District became the site for the "Jewel City". Eleven Beaux-Arts Palaces were built that contained 21 international pavilions. Beyond the impressive architecture were exhibitions of the new technologies of the day—cars, airplanes, telephones, motion pictures.

Most beloved of the surviving structures is the Palace of Fine Arts—an exquisite and sublime Greco-Romanesque rotunda designed by celebrated architect Bernard Maybeck. Other surviving landmarks include a Municipal Auditorium, known today as the Bill Graham Civic Auditorium that instilled great civic pride and optimism in a spirited population.

The Panama-Pacific International Exhibition established our City as an economic and cultural powerhouse, illustrating our leadership in science, industry and innovation. It was a grand showcase of human achievement in the sciences, engineering, architecture and the arts. It was a monumental display of, not only San Francisco's vision, imagination and innovation, but its confidence and faith in the future.

San Francisco today is still regarded as an optimistic and audacious city, a city of dreamers and innovators, much like the pioneers and visionaries of 1915. And as we celebrate the centennial of this great moment in our city's history, we are overjoyed that more than thirty-five Bay Area cultural, civic and business organizations will participate in the centennial's events, exhibitions and activities.

Congratulations and our deepest gratitude to The California Historical Society, the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department, the Maybeck Foundation, Innovation Hangar, and all the other contributing partners and sponsors for this historic commemoration and extravaganza.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, March 03, 2015 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's record.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MARCH 4

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2016 for the Environmental Protection Agency.

SD-406

10 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Department of the Interior.

SD-124

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security

To hold hearings to examine surface transportation reauthorization, focusing on oversight and reform of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

SR-253

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, "Inspector General Empowerment Act of 2015", S. 280, to improve the efficiency, management, and interagency coordination of the Federal permitting process through reforms overseen by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, H.R. 460, to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to train Department of Homeland Security personnel how to effectively deter, detect, disrupt, and prevent human trafficking during the course of their primary roles and responsibilities, H.R. 615, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Under Secretary for Management of the Department of Homeland Security to take administrative action to achieve and maintain interoperable communications capabilities among the components of the Department of Homeland Security, an original bill entitled, "Federal Improper Payments Coordination Act", an original bill entitled, "Presidential Library Donations Act", an original bill entitled, "Federal Vehicle Repair Costs Savings Act", S. 546, to establish the Railroad Emergency Services Preparedness, Operational Needs, and Safety Evaluation (RESPONSE) Subcommittee under the Federal Emergency Management Agency's National Advisory Council to provide recommendations on emergency responder training and resources relating to hazardous materials incidents involving railroads, S. 242, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide leave to any new Federal employee who is a veteran with a service-connected disability rated at 30 percent or more for purposes of undergoing medical treatment for such disability, S. 86, to amend title 44 of the United States Code, to provide for the suspension of fines under certain circumstances for first-time paperwork violations by small business concerns, and S. 136, to amend chapter 21 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that fathers of certain permanently disabled or deceased veterans shall be included

- with mothers of such veterans as preference eligibles for treatment in the civil service. SD-342
 Committee on the Judiciary
 To hold hearings to examine whistleblower retaliation at the Federal Bureau of Investigation, focusing on improving protections and oversight. SD-226
 Committee on Veterans' Affairs
 To hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. SD-G50
- 10:30 a.m.
 Committee on Appropriations
 Subcommittee on Department of Defense
 To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Navy and Marine Corps. SD-192
 Committee on the Budget
 To hold hearings to examine wasteful duplication in the Federal government. SD-608
- 2 p.m.
 Committee on Foreign Relations
 Subcommittee on Europe and Regional Security Cooperation
 To hold hearings to examine Russian aggression in Eastern Europe. SD-419
- 2:30 p.m.
 Committee on Appropriations
 Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development
 To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. SD-192
 Committee on Armed Services
 Subcommittee on Personnel
 To hold hearings to examine the Active, Guard, Reserve, and civilian personnel programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program. SR-232A
 Committee on Indian Affairs
 To hold hearings to examine S. 438, to provide for the repair, replacement, and maintenance of certain Indian irrigation projects. SD-628
 Joint Economic Committee
 To hold hearings to examine the Economic Report of the President 2015. SD-106
- 3:30 p.m.
 Committee on Armed Services
 Subcommittee on Strategic Forces
 To hold hearings to examine United States nuclear weapons policy, programs, and strategy in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program. SR-222
- MARCH 5
- 9:30 a.m.
 Committee on Armed Services
 To hold hearings to examine the postures on the Department of the Army and the Department of the Air Force in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program. SD-G50
- 10 a.m.
 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
 To hold hearings to examine opportunities for the United States to build on its status as an Arctic nation for the betterment of the nation and those who live in the Arctic. SD-366
 Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
 To hold hearings to examine America's health information technology (IT) transformation, focusing on translating the promise of electronic health records into better care. SD-430
 Committee on Veterans' Affairs
 To hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation from the American Veterans, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Military Officers Association of America, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, Vietnam Veterans of America, Blinded Veterans Association, and the National Council on Aging. CHOB-345
- 10 a.m.
 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
 To hold hearings to examine the state of technological innovation related to the electric grid. SD-366
- MARCH 17
- 10 a.m.
 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
 To hold hearings to examine the state of technological innovation related to the electric grid. SD-366
- MARCH 18
- 10 a.m.
 Committee on Veterans' Affairs
 To hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation from multiple veterans service organizations. SD-G50
- 2:30 p.m.
 Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
 To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Communications Commission. SR-253
- MARCH 19
- 9:30 a.m.
 Committee on Armed Services
 To hold hearings to examine U.S. Strategic Command, U.S. Transportation Command, and U.S. Cyber Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program. SD-G50
- 10 a.m.
 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
 To hold hearings to examine U.S. crude oil export policy. SD-366
- MARCH 24
- 10 a.m.
 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
 To hold hearings to examine management reforms to improve forest health and socioeconomic opportunities on the nation's forest system. SD-366
- MARCH 25
- 2:30 p.m.
 Committee on Armed Services
 Subcommittee on Strategic Forces
 To hold hearings to examine ballistic missile defense programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program. SR-222

MARCH 26

CANCELLATIONS

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
To hold hearings to examine the Administration's Quadrennial Energy Review.
SD-366

MARCH 5

10 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary
Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-226