

for his passion and dedication to serving our great Country, his community and desire to make a difference in the lives of others.

ERIC LI NAMED PRUDENTIAL
NATIONAL HONOREE

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 2, 2015

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Eric Li for being named one of ten national honorees for the 2015 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards.

Eric's dedication to community service started at a young age when he spearheaded a school-wide relief effort following a deadly earthquake in Sichuan, China. He and his sisters also founded a nonprofit organization called We Care Act. The organization helps children around the world recover from major natural disasters. Currently, he is teaching his peers at Pearland Junior High West to refurbish computers that will be sent to orphanages in third world countries.

At such a young age, Eric has already impacted so many children around the world. On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District, thank you for your commitment to philanthropy and congratulations on this remarkable achievement.

TRIBUTE TO MR. JOSEPH
ALEXANDER SCOTT, JR.

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

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Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of Mr. Joseph Alexander Scott, Jr. The City of San Antonio and the Great State of Texas lost a community leader, civic activist, job creator, and friend with the passing of this great man.

Born on January 31, 1928 in Dallas, Joe Scott spent his life in service to those around him. From his service as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army in the Korean War to his fourteen years as a teacher in Edgewood ISD and his unmatched record as a teacher in his Eastside community, Joe Scott truly embodied the concept of service above self.

Mr. Scott earned a bachelor's degree from Prairie View A&M University, a Master's degree from Our Lady of the Lake University, and attended St. Mary's University Law School.

Mr. Scott was first and foremost a family man. He was the first African-American licensed insurance agent in San Antonio and founded World Technical Services, Inc. (WTS) to provide jobs for people with severe disabilities and those who are unable to find employment due to past substance abuse or incarceration.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to honor the legacy of Joseph Alexander Scott, Jr. He was my dear friend. I will miss his friendship and the City of San Antonio will miss his leadership, but his legacy will live on and he will be forever remembered.

LUTHERAN SOUTH ACADEMY
CHAMPIONSHIPS

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 2, 2015

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the baseball and softball teams at Lutheran South Academy for winning the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools (TAPPS) 4A state championships.

The road to success was not easy, but both teams persevered and brought home two state trophies. Lutheran South Pioneer baseball team finished the season with an 8-game winning streak that was capped off with a victory at the TAPPS 4A state tournament. The Lady Pioneer softball team completed their successful season with a shutout victory at the state championship. Each of these young athletes and their coaches has put in the time and the effort to become state champions. I am excited to see what these young athletes achieve throughout their time on the diamond. It's time for Lutheran South to expand their trophy case.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations on this outstanding victory. Thank you for bringing the gold back home.

IN HONOR OF CHRIS NORTON, LU-
THER COLLEGE CLASS OF 2015
AND SPINAL CORD INJURY AD-
VOCATE

HON. ROD BLUM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Chris Norton, an advocate for those recovering from spinal cord injuries and a graduate of Luther College, Class of 2015 in Decorah, Iowa.

During his freshman football season, Chris sustained a serious injury that left him paralyzed from the neck down. In the aftermath of his injury, doctors informed Chris he had a 3% chance of ever walking again. This exceptional young man, after years of physical therapy and rehabilitation, overcame those odds and walked across the stage at his graduation this past weekend.

Moved to action by people with similar injuries he met during his rehabilitation, Chris, his family, and his friends started the Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) CAN Foundation. This foundation is committed to increasing access to quality therapy options for those with spinal cord injuries. Recently, SCI CAN donated \$60,000 to Des Moines University, bringing the total donations of the Foundation to nearly \$375,000 to assist in spinal cord injury recovery.

I applaud Chris' important work with SCI CAN, his message of hope and healing, and wish him well as he continues to recover from his injury. I firmly believe Chris is both an inspirational figure and asset to his community. I wish Chris and his family the very best as they begin the next chapter of their lives.

I encourage everyone to learn more about the SCI CAN Foundation by visiting their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/TheSciCanProject.

STAFFORD TRACK AND FIELD

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 2, 2015

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Stafford Track and Field Team for earning the Class 4A second-place team state championship trophy.

Despite immense adversity during the final moments of the competition, the Stafford Team competed and brought home the silver. This win reflects the entire team's dedication to the sport, including outstanding efforts by Lynette Amaran and the young men of the 400 meter relay who both brought home gold medals. We are extremely proud of each individual on the team and the coaching efforts of Mr. Sergio Hinojosa.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to the entire team in representing Stafford High School in the State Track and Field Championship.

HOW TO PREVENT THE FALL OF
BAGHDAD

HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 2, 2015

Mr. KING of New York. Mr. Speaker, Islamic State (ISIS) is a massive threat to America's national interests and to human decency. Each day brings more news of ISIS advances, terrorist attacks, military gains and horrible atrocities. And each day the Administration continues to deny its policies are failing.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that ISIS can indeed be stopped if it heeds the thoughtful recommendations which Kevin Carroll detailed in his May 27, 2015 Wall Street Journal OP/ED ("How to Prevent the Fall of Baghdad").

Mr. Carroll speaks with authority and first-hand knowledge. He served as a U.S. Army officer in Iraq and Afghanistan and as a CIA case officer in a Middle East war zone. Also, I had the benefit of having Kevin Carroll serve as Senior Counsel when I chaired the House Homeland Security Committee in 2011–2012. I found his advice to be invaluable. I urge the Administration to follow his advice today. I am proud to submit Kevin Carroll's article and urge all members to read and give thoughtful consideration to his proposals.

ISLAMIC STATE IS LIKELY TO USE THE TACTICS THAT WORKED IN RAMADI. THE U.S. CAN DO MUCH TO CHANGE THE OUTCOME

Islamic State, also known as ISIS, has seized control of Ramadi, the capital of Anbar province just 70 highway miles from Baghdad. Fallujah, located between, is already a terror stronghold.

There is little doubt that ISIS leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi plans to capture the city whose name he bears. A man who declared himself a caliph, Baghdadi knows his home was the seat of the Abbasid caliphate, founded in the eighth century to which ISIS would like to return.

It would be a mistake for the Obama administration to continue to underestimate ISIS as the junior varsity. ISIS demonstrated operational capability recently, attacking in opposite directions to occupy both Ramadi and Palmyra, deep inside Syria.