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Though each individual has sought to become a citizen of the United States for his or her own reasons, be it for education, occupation, or to offer their loved ones better lives, each is inspired by the fact that the United States of America is, as Abraham Lincoln described it, a country “. . . of the people, by the people, and for the people.” They realize that the United States is truly a free nation. By seeking American citizenship, they have made the decision that they want to live in a place where, as guaranteed by the First Amendment of the Bill of Rights, they can practice religion as they choose, speak their minds without fear of punishment, and assemble in peaceful protest should they choose to do so.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating these individuals, who became citizens of the United States of America on July 4, 2015, the day of our Nation's independence. They, too, are American citizens, and they, too, are guaranteed the inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We, as a free and democratic nation, congratulate them and welcome them.

HONORING MR. BILL CONSIDINE,
THE LONG-SERVING PRESIDENT
AND CEO OF AKRON CHILDREN'S
HOSPITAL

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, today, I am very grateful for the opportunity to recognize the life work of Bill Considine, the long-serving President and CEO of Akron Children's Hospital.

Bill is celebrating thirty-five years as President of Akron Children's—making him the longest serving President of any children's hospital in the country and among the longest serving Presidents of any hospital in the nation. Under his leadership, Akron Children's Hospital has grown from an urban children's hospital into a pediatric health system that serves twenty-seven counties in Ohio. It is consistently ranked among the top children's hospitals in the country and that success is without question the result of Bill's vision, commitment, and leadership.

Bill graduated from Archbishop Hoban High School in Akron. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Akron and a master's degree in health science administration from The Ohio State University. In 1979, Bill assumed the role as president of Akron Children's Hospital reaffirming his devo-

tion to his community. Under his leadership, Akron Children's has expanded the scope of children's healthcare services and is now the largest pediatric healthcare provider in northern Ohio serving more than 800,000 children each year. Today, the scope of pediatric healthcare services offered by Akron Children's Hospital are exceptional, including advanced cardiac care, intensive neonatal care, behavioral health, and even Ohio's first pediatric sports medicine center. Bill has been consistently recognized by numerous organizations for his visionary leadership at Akron Children's Hospital. Two special awards include his 2009 induction into the Northeast Ohio Business Hall of Fame and the 2011 Bert A. Polsky Humanitarian Award for his years of dedication to humanitarian causes in the greater Akron community.

Bill is a true public servant and a visionary leader. Our community is a better place to call home due to his years of service and commitment to helping children and their families. With sincerest gratitude, I honor Bill Considine for his selfless dedication to Akron Children's Hospital as well as his humanitarian efforts throughout Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I ask all of my colleagues to join me in extending a heartfelt thank you to an inspiring leader, Bill Considine.

RECOGNIZING THE HEROISM OF
BEN ZION COLB

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember a true hero, Ben Zion Colb, and to thank him for his heroic efforts and great sacrifice in saving Jews in Poland during World War II. Ben Zion Colb went to great lengths to save his fellow Jews from extermination by the Nazis.

Ben Zion's brave endeavor began when he sent a courier to escort his then-fiancée, Clara Lieber, from Poland to Slovakia, where the deportation of Jews had been temporarily halted. After succeeding in bringing Clara to safety, he realized he could use the same method he used to smuggle Clara across the border to help other Jews escape from Poland. With the help of his friend Rabbi Michael Weissmandl and a network of couriers, he succeeded in bringing most likely over one thousand Jews across the border. Ben Zion largely focused on the rescue of children, who came to be known as “Ben Zion's Kinder.” After the war, Ben Zion and Clara eventually made their way to New York, where they raised three children. Ben Zion passed away in 1973, but his inspiring legacy still lives on.

I was fascinated to learn of the many documents that still exist, which detail the history of Ben Zion Colb's heroism. There are hand-written and typed papers with names of people who were rescued. Sometimes these papers include dates of birth, where these individuals were from, where they crossed the border and in some cases the actual day they crossed. I hope these documents will continue to assist in locating those individuals who were rescued by Ben Zion Colb and help bring together families and their diverse histories.

I want to properly recognize Ben Zion Colb's sacrifices and truly heroic efforts and to re-

mind my colleagues that individuals such as Ben Zion serve as a reminder as to how one person can make a difference in the lives of many. Ben Zion Colb took it upon himself to save as many lives as possible during a time of great need and it is important that we strive to live by his example.

RECOGNIZING LOUIS “MILKMAN”
PATTERSON FOR HIS OUT-
STANDING COMMITMENT TO THE
BUFFALO COMMUNITY

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I stand before you today to recognize and honor Mr. Louis Patterson for his engagement with the Buffalo community. Mr. Patterson has been a committed, well-loved and respected community member for over 50 years.

Born in Birmingham Alabama in 1945, Mr. Patterson moved to the Buffalo area in 1960 where he has remained ever since. Before retiring in 2013, Mr. Patterson worked for Upstate Dairy for 36 years where he would earn his affectionate nickname, “Milkman.”

A constant presence in the Buffalo swing dance community, Mr. Patterson was and is admired by many as both a great man and a great dancer. He brings joy to those around him not only through his own dancing but also through his ardent support of other dancers and organizations in the community. He is a man who lives up to the adage that one should give more than one receives in its fullest sense.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for allowing me a few moments to honor and recognize Mr. Patterson. I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Mr. Patterson on an accomplished history of community engagement, and to commend him for the exemplary work he has done to enrich the communities of Western New York.

IS ACADEMIC FREEDOM THREAT-
ENED BY CHINA'S INFLUENCE ON
U.S. UNIVERSITIES?

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I recently held a hearing that was the second in a series probing the question of whether maintaining access to China's lucrative education market undermines the very values that make American universities great, including academic freedom. The hearing was timely for three reasons: the growing number of satellite or branch campuses started by U.S. universities in China; the record numbers of Chinese students enrolling in U.S. universities and colleges in China each year, bringing with them nearly \$10 million a year in tuition and other spending; and the recent efforts by the Communist Party of China to regain ideological control over universities and academic research.

Official Chinese government decrees prohibit teaching and research in seven areas—