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COACH ROBERT HALE

**HON. ROGER WILLIAMS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 27, 2015*

Mr. WILLIAMS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Coach Robert Hale, a Texas coaching legend in his own right, for his exemplary achievements and positive impact on his students, players, community and the great state of Texas.

In 1968 Coach Hale began his coaching career at Leonard Middle School in Fort Worth, Texas. He went on to become the head coach at 9 different Texas high schools including; Seymour, Dalhart, Lewisville, Burleson, Everman, Pampa, Weatherford, Azle and Crowley. As a coach, he lead his teams to historic victories, including winning the Class 4A state title at Pampa High School in 1996 and defeating defending state champ Fort Worth Dunbar in 2004. In all, Coach Hale amassed a UIL career record of 753–377 and an overall record of 806–387.

Coach Hale has been influential both on and off the basketball court. He taught his students and players life lessons that they could carry with them into adulthood. He took the time to truly influence those around him, and his admirable service has left a lasting mark on his community. I speak on behalf of his son, Colby, when I say he is looked up to by his family and those closest to him.

Today I am proud to say Coach Hale's work has earned him the well-deserved honor of being inducted into the Texas High School Coaches Association's Hall of Honor.

I couldn't be prouder of Coach Hale, and it is my pleasure to recognize his efforts and achievements before the House of Representatives.

TRIBUTE TO THE SIDNEY IOWA  
CHAMPIONSHIP RODEO

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 27, 2015*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate a great Iowa institution, the Sidney Championship Rodeo. On August 8th, the Sidney Rodeo will be inducted into the 2015 Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame. The Sidney Rodeo is among the oldest and most prestigious events in the United States. This year, they are celebrating their 92nd year in operation.

The Sidney Championship Rodeo began in 1923 when Earl and Henry Tackett decided to entertain guests of the Old Soldiers Reunion. Members of the Sidney American Legion Post 128 quickly assumed sponsorship and made it an annual event. After 92 years in operation, the Sidney Rodeo arena is one of the best in the country with loyal visitors who travel from near and far for the event. The City of Sidney has 1,150 residents, but during the Rodeo the population swells to 38,000.

For the past 92 years the Sidney Championship Rodeo has accomplished a great deal

and is a true testament of hard work and dedication. I commend the Sidney Championship Rodeo for a job well done. I know that my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives join me in honoring the Sidney Rodeo for this great achievement. I wish them nothing but continued success moving forward.

INTRODUCTION OF THE "BUSINESS  
SUPPLY CHAIN TRANSPARENCY  
ON TRAFFICKING AND SLAVERY  
ACT OF 2015"

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 27, 2015*

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to introduce bipartisan legislation along with my fellow co-chair on the Human Trafficking Caucus, Rep. CHRIS SMITH.

Very few Americans are aware that many of the goods they use everyday are tainted by human trafficking or the worst forms of child labor. According to the U.S. Department of Labor's 2014 List of Goods Produced by Child Labor or Forced Labor, 136 goods from 74 countries were made by forced and child labor. This bill will require businesses to disclose policies and practices they employ to eliminate human trafficking from operations and product development.

The Business Supply Chain Transparency on Trafficking and Slavery Act doesn't tell businesses what to do, but rather informs consumers what they are doing to eliminate human slavery from their supply chains.

This legislation would help inform consumers where and how their goods are made. While there are good actors, there are businesses operating in parts of the world that rely on enslaved humans to produce their products. We believe American consumers have a right to know who these companies are.

This legislation creates a market-based solution rather than relying on prescriptive action by the federal government. Large global companies already reporting to the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) simply need to include what they are doing to rid their supply chains of human slavery and post this information on their company websites. Consumers will be empowered to make their purchasing decisions based on the information provided. Very simply, this bill creates an incentive to improve practices to end slavery.

Human trafficking is 21st century slavery. The International Labor Organization estimates that nearly 21 million people are working in some form of forced labor worldwide. We must use every tool available to help these men, women, and children around the world who are enslaved.

TRIBUTE TO SUE BECK

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 27, 2015*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Sue Beck of Kellerton, Iowa for receiving a 2015 Gov-

ernor's Volunteer Award. Starting in 1983, the Governor's office began awarding state employees who displayed a commitment to volunteerism by helping with various projects or programs within their communities. Since its implementation the award has expanded to any member of the public that displays the necessary attributes for receiving this award.

Sue is a prime example of the dedication and commitment to service that Iowans are known for. She selflessly gives her time to programs like the South Central Iowa Community Foundation, which aims to improve the quality of life all across the south central region of Iowa through the implementation of charitable funds. Each year, they donate more than \$1 million to various organizations in the region.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I stand here today and recognize Sue for her many years of service and dedication to others in her community. Her volunteerism embodies the Iowa spirit and I am honored to represent her, and Iowans like her, in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating Sue for her achievements and wish her nothing but continued success.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF  
COLONEL D. SCOTT BRENTON

**HON. JOHN KATKO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 27, 2015*

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of Colonel D. Scott Brenton. Col. Brenton has 27 years of dedicated service with the United States Air Force and the New York Air National Guard. Col. Brenton has been decorated with numerous medals, awards, and service distinctions. It is my honor to recognize such a distinguished citizen and airman.

Col. Brenton began his military career in the Air Force in 1988 at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi and finished his training in 1990 at MacDill Air Force Base in Florida. Following his training, Col. Brenton served for one year as an F-16C Pilot and as an Assistant Weapons Officer in the Republic of South Korea. In 1991, Col. Brenton was deployed to Germany where he served as an F-16C Instructor Pilot and Evaluator Pilot until 1995.

In 1995, Col. Brenton was trained in a USAF Fighter Weapons Instructor Course at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada. For the next three years Col. Brenton was an F-16CJ Instructor, Evaluator, Weapons Officer, and Flight Commander at Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina. He then returned to Nellis Air Force Base, working as an F-16CG, CJ, CM instructor, and Flight Commander at the USAF Fighter Weapons School from 1998 to 2000. From 2000 to 2001, Col. Brenton served as the Chief Wing Airspace Range Scheduler within the Department of Energy Liaison of the 57th Wing at Nellis Air Force Base. Col. Brenton then became an Assistant Operations Officer, Evaluator, and Program Manager at the USAF Fighter Weapons School for one year at Nellis Air Force Base.

In 2002, Col. Brenton transitioned to Hancock Field Air National Guard Base in Syracuse, New York, where he has since served.

From 2002–2005, he served as the Chief of Weapons and Tactics for the 138th Fighter Squadron and then served as their Director of Operations until 2008. Col. Brenton then became the 174th Operations Support Flight Commander for three years. Concluding his 27 years of service, from 2011 to present day, Col. Brenton has served as the 174th Operations Group Commander at Hancock Field.

Throughout his military career, Col. Brenton has logged a total of over 4800 flying hours, including over 350 combat missions in various contingencies to include Operations Northern and Southern Watch in Iraq, Operations Deny Flight and Deliberate Force in Bosnia, Operation Noble Eagle, Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.

During his career, Col. Brenton has displayed honorable character and service to the United States Air Force, the New York Air National Guard, and our country. His military decorations and unit awards include: the Meritorious Service Medal with one device; Air Medal with six devices; Aerial Achievement Medal with five devices; Air Force Commendation Medal; Air Force Achievement Medal; Joint Meritorious Unit Award; Meritorious Unit Award with one device; and the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with four devices.

Col. Brenton's effective dates of promotion are: Second Lieutenant, October 1987; First Lieutenant, October 1989; Captain, October 1991; Major, August 1998; Lieutenant Colonel, September 2003; Colonel, July 2012.

In his civilian capacity, Col. Brenton graduated from the University of Notre Dame with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering and was commissioned through the ROTC program in 1987. He then went on to receive a Master of Science degree in Aerospace Science and Aeronautics from Embry-Riddle University. During his service to our nation, Col. Brenton graduated from the NATO Tactical Leadership Programme in Belgium, Squadron Officer School, Air Command and Staff College, Air War College, and the Joint Task Force Commander Training Course within USNORTHCOM at Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado.

Without question Mr. Speaker, Col. Brenton is a very special person. He willingly served his nation, exuding loyalty and pride. For his unrelenting service, Col. Brenton can retire knowing he has earned such a status. I would like to wish him well in his retirement years; Col. Brenton, thank you for all of your years of hard work, dedication, and service to our country.

IN HONOR OF TIMOTHY ANDREWS  
ON WINNING THE GOLD MEDAL  
AT THE 2015 JUNIOR U.S. OPEN  
INTERNATIONAL JUDO CHAMPIONSHIP  
IN FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

### HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 27, 2015*

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Timothy Andrews for winning the Gold Medal for his weight division at the 2015 Junior U.S. Open International Judo Championship in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

This remarkable young man has risen from an immensely challenging childhood to become an icon for his community and peers. Timothy has been featured in the Westside Gazette and South Florida Sun Sentinel for his athletic wins and inspirational triumphs over adversity. As a mark of good character, he has shown only gratitude and humbleness to those who have helped him in his life.

I would be remiss not to mention the Broward County-based organization Helping Abused, Neglected, Disadvantaged Youth (HANDY, Inc.) for the role that it has played in Timothy's ascent into adolescence and adulthood. HANDY, Inc. has worked with Timothy since the age of 12 to help him prioritize his life and realize his dreams to one day represent the United States in the Olympic Games. Timothy has also shown tremendous appreciation to his Sensei, Mr. Ghalib Carmichael of the Onikusu Judo Club in Fort Lauderdale.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Mr. Timothy Andrews for all that he has accomplished. His story is one of inspiration and demonstrates that all children have incredible potential to do great things and give back to their communities. I bid him good luck as he trains and remains steadfast in reaching his dreams.

### INTRODUCTION OF THE VETERANS EMERGENCY TREATMENT ACT

#### HON. DAN NEWHOUSE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 27, 2015*

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce my legislation, the Veterans Emergency Treatment Act. This important and necessary legislation would ensure that every enrolled veteran is afforded the highest level of emergency care at every emergency-capable medical facility under the jurisdiction of the Department of Veterans' Affairs (VA). It would accomplish this by applying the statutory requirements of the Emergency Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA) to emergency care furnished by the VA to enrolled veterans.

EMTALA, designed to prevent hospitals from transferring, or "dumping," uninsured patients at public hospitals requires 1) a hospital to conduct a medical examination to determine if an emergency medical condition exists; 2) if such condition exists, the hospital must either stabilize the patient or comply with the statutory requirements of a proper transfer; and 3) if an emergency medical condition exists and has not been stabilized, the hospital may not transfer the patient unless the patient, after being made aware of the risks, makes a transfer request in writing or a physician certifies that the medical benefits of a transfer outweigh the risks.

EMTALA grants every individual a right to emergency care. While a 2007 Veterans Health Administration (VHA) directive indicates that the VA complies with the intent of the EMTALA requirements, VA hospitals are "non-participating" hospitals and are therefore not obligated to fulfill EMTALA requirements. It is has become abundantly clear that the VA is not fulfilling the EMTALA directive. All too frequently, the policy is to turn down those who try to access an emergency room. It happened

to my constituent, 64-year-old Army veteran Donald Siefken, when the Seattle VA refused to assist him from his car into the emergency room. Last year in New Mexico, a veteran died when the VA refused to transport him the 500 yards to the emergency room. This is not a new issue. These incidents have been documented as far back as 2006, yet the VA has yet to change their policy, and Congress must act.

Put simply, my commonsense and straightforward legislation would ensure that every enrolled veteran who arrives at the emergency department of a VA medical facility and indicates an emergency condition exists, is assessed and treated in an effort to prevent further injury or death.

I urge all members to join me in supporting this legislation. This is common sense legislation to ensure our veterans are treated fairly.

### 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, July 28, 2015 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

### MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JULY 29

9 a.m.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine reauthorizing the Higher Education Act, focusing on combating campus sexual assault.

SH-216

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider S. 284, to impose sanctions with respect to foreign persons responsible for gross violations of internationally recognized human rights, S. 1632, to require a regional strategy to address the threat posed by Boko Haram, and the nominations of Michele Thoren Bond, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Consular Affairs), and Sarah Elizabeth Mendelson, to be Representative of the United States of America on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, and to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, both of the District of Columbia, Sheila Gwaltney, of