

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

SAFE AND ACCURATE FOOD LABELING ACT OF 2015

SPEECH OF

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2015

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1599) to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to food produced from, containing, or consisting of a bioengineered organism, the labeling of natural foods, and for other purposes:

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Chair, I rise today to express my opposition to H.R. 1599, the Safe and Accurate Food Labeling Act of 2015. This legislation would prohibit the Food and Drug Administration from developing a national genetically modified organism (GMO) labeling system for food, block any state or local laws to require GMO labeling, and ultimately deny consumers the right to know what is in their food.

Nearly 90 percent of consumers wish to know if their food contains GMO ingredients and I believe Americans should have that same right that 64 other nations have already provided their citizens.

H.R. 1599 lets down the American consumer and for that reason I am opposed to this legislation and encourage the House of Representatives to take up legislation that adequately addresses this issue and gives consumers the information they demand.

TARRANT COUNTY COLLEGE DISTRICT 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Tarrant County College District on 50 years of making a difference in Tarrant County.

Fifty years ago, the citizens of Tarrant County came together to establish the Tarrant County Junior College District. Its creation marked the tradition of providing knowledge, skills and the hope for a better future to the people of Tarrant County.

At its founding, the College enrolled 4,272 students at its original South Campus. Within its first five years, the College created its curriculum, built and staffed two campuses and received full accreditation. Today, the Tarrant County College District includes 21st century curriculums for its students in fields as varied as healthcare, aviation and firefighting.

Because of the unbridled optimism of its leadership and the dedication to its mission, Tarrant County College District has seen its enrollment soar to more than 100,000 students each year. The original campus has

been joined by five others that serve the community, and future growth is on the horizon.

Tarrant County College District is, has been and will continue to be, an integral part in the success of so many people in our community.

I offer my hearty congratulations to Chancellor Erma Johnson Hadley, the faculty, students and alumni of Tarrant County College District on this 50th Anniversary and look forward to their continued success.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL COLLEGIATE HONORS COUNCIL

HON. STEVE RUSSELL

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Mr. RUSSELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on the House floor to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the National Collegiate Honors Council. The NCHC, which is dedicated to achieving excellence in education in diverse subject and curriculum areas currently, represents over 800 colleges and universities around the country and over 325,000 students in honors programs. To recognize these achievements, I have sponsored House Resolution 360 which was introduced last Friday and was supported by my colleagues as original cosponsors, Reps. BOUSTANY, BENISHEK, BISHOP and COLE. H. Res. 360 commemorates the hard work that these students and their faculty and administrators have undertaken with the NCHC over the past five decades to maintain U.S. preeminence in education. As a member of the House Education and the Workforce Committee, I salute the NCHC and its officers for their valuable contribution to the high education of our young people.

I would also like to honor Southern Nazarene University, in my district, on their membership in the National Collegiate Honors Council. Having just completed their 7th year as an honors program, SNU's curriculum emphasizes service leadership and real-world application. As a part of the curriculum students in the Honors Program at SNU are required to write a grant on behalf of a local Title I elementary school, where the first year honors students also mentor two children each throughout their first year of college. To date, the SNU Honors Program first year students have had just under \$15,000-worth of their grants funded in the four years they have been doing this experience.

Most of the graduates of the SNU Honors Program continue on in their education, with the majority attending medical, professional, or graduate school directly after graduation from SNU.

HONORING JOEY MENDOZA

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Joseph "Joey" Mendoza Jr., who passed away on July 23, 2015, surrounded by his family and friends. A third-generation member of a pioneering Point Reyes ranching family, Joey Mendoza was a very active leader within the local agricultural community and has been among the industry's most steadfast and passionate supporters.

Joey Mendoza was born on December 30, 1943, to Joe Sr. and Doris "Scotty" Mendoza and was raised on the family's historic working ranch in Point Reyes National Seashore, known as 'B' Ranch, where he also attended the one room school house located on that property. He went on to graduate from Tomales High School in 1961 before completing his education at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo.

During his long career as a dairyman and agricultural advocate, Joey Mendoza was dedicated to the success of his family business. He shared his leadership skills and comprehensive knowledge of the dairy industry by contributing to the boards and committees of numerous organizations, including the Western United Dairymen, the Dairymen's Feed Co-op, and the Marin County Farm Bureau, where he served as board president from 1982 to 1984. The California State Milk Pooling Board, the Point Reyes National Seashore Ranchers Association, the California Gold Co-op, the Redwood Empire Holstein Association, and the North Bay Dairy Herd Improvement Association also benefitted from his support.

Known for his keen sense of humor and his ability to balance the principles of environmental stewardship while advancing economic viability and protecting future success for the long-standing ranching legacy in Point Reyes National Seashore, Joey was a reliable friend to the agricultural community, the National Park Service, and the extended West Marin community alike. Able to forge consensus around vexing and controversial issues, his steady thoughtfulness, strength, and wit were a model for others and won't be soon forgotten. Even as he battled cancer in his final days, Joey was a force to be reckoned with and respected by all.

While he was an incredibly dedicated rancher throughout his life, Joey never missed an opportunity to participate in social gatherings, enjoy a hunt with his deer club, or support the San Francisco Giants, San Francisco 49ers, and his beloved Tomales Braves. His love for his family and friends was immense, and his passing leaves a void.

Mr. Speaker, Joey Mendoza's legacy is one of dedication to the local agriculture and broader West Marin ranching community. It is therefore appropriate to pay tribute to him today and express deepest condolences to his

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wife of thirty-five years, Linda Mendoza; brother, Jim Mendoza; daughter, Jolynn McClelland; son, Jarrod Mendoza; grandchildren, Collin and Luke McClelland and Layla Mendoza; in addition to his numerous nieces, nephews, extended family, and close friends.

CELEBRATION OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF ELASTEC/AMERICAN MARINE

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the celebration of the 25th Anniversary of Elastec/American Marine.

Elastec/American Marine is a company that manufactures pollution recovery systems, focusing in international oil spill recovery. The company has over 100 employees, and its headquarters are located in Carmi, Illinois, with another location in Fairfield, Illinois, that opened in 2012. The company has received numerous awards for not only its products, but its employees and operations as well.

Twenty-five years ago, CEO Donnie Wilson and VP Jeff Cantrell combined their skills to create a drum oil skimmer and established Elastec. Over the years, with investors, Director Bill Harmon, the continuing development of systems and products, among other contributors, Elastec/American Marine has become a leader in manufacturing systems of pollution recovery. These systems and products reach over 145 countries.

I am honored to have a company that is recognized for such work within my district, and I look forward to hearing about its continued success.

TRIBUTE TO OFFICERS MICHAEL SMITH, CHRISTOPHER ROMANO, AND WILLIAM FOSTER

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Officers Michael Smith, Christopher Romano, and William Foster of the Syracuse New York Police Department. On July 1, 2015, Officers Smith and Romano responded to the scene of a dispute call when they observed smoke coming from the second floor windows of a neighboring building. After immediately notifying the 911 dispatch center, along with Officer Foster's arrival, the three officers sprung to action and entered the burning building in search of potential residents. Due to these officer's heroic actions, three occupants, including a pregnant mother and her child were saved, unscathed from the home.

Officer Smith was appointed to the Syracuse Police Department on September 5, 1997 and has since been assigned to the Patrol Division. Officer Romano was appointed on July 25, 2005 and was also assigned to the Patrol Division. Officer Foster was appointed to the Syracuse Police Department in 1986 and has since been assigned to the K9 unit.

Officers Smith, Romano and Foster have each bravely served the Syracuse New York Police Department for over ten years. I am proud to share in the recognition of Officers Smith, Romano, and Foster as first-rate officers, performing tremendous service to the people of Syracuse, New York.

IN RECOGNITION OF PRATT & WHITNEY ON THE OCCASION OF THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR INCORPORATION

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the great aerospace manufacturer Pratt & Whitney on the 90th anniversary of their incorporation. Beginning with the first 24 men and two women who reported to work in 1925, and continuing through today, Pratt & Whitney's main purpose has been to build ever newer and better aircraft engines.

Today, that small company has grown to employ more than 31,000 people, including many in my district, in well-paying jobs in careers they can be proud of. Pratt & Whitney employs 103 people in Middletown, Pennsylvania, and I'm proud to say that they are looking to expand to over 200. This is cutting edge technology that, in turn, is putting food on the table for folks back home.

In the last ninety years, there have been few innovations that have affected our daily lives as much as the jet engine. And Pratt & Whitney has been there every step of the way for every improvement and breakthrough in technology.

Mr. Speaker, Pratt & Whitney has defined aviation, and built dependable engines for nine decades. And I wish them all of the best for their next 90 years.

IN HONOR OF TOM GREER

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and career of Tom Greer, an outstanding public servant on the occasion of his retirement as general manager of the Monterey Regional Airport. His exceptional career has spanned nearly five decades and included both military and civil service.

After graduating from Auburn University in Alabama in 1965 with a degree in aviation management, Tom joined the Marines and was sent to Officers Candidate School in Quantico, Virginia. Upon receipt of his wings as a Naval Flight Officer in March 1967, he was assigned to various Fighter/Attack squadrons flying F-4B Phantom in over 320 combat missions in Vietnam.

Following his release from active duty in March 1970, Tom was selected as Airport Director for Golden Triangle Regional Airport near Columbus, Missouri. Under his exceptional leadership, this new airport was constructed from the ground up, opening successfully in the fall of 1972. Tom then took his

aviation management skills to Salt Lake City, where he served as Director of Operations for the Salt Lake City Airport Authority. His guidance allowed the airport to remain operational while undergoing major expansion programs to accommodate a new hub for Western Airlines, now Delta. He then served in various capacities for Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport authority from 1984 until 1999. During his tenure, passenger traffic increased from two million to over five million, and a new terminal building was constructed for the 70 year old facility.

We have been blessed to have Tom serving as General Manager for the Monterey Peninsula Airport District since December of 2003. Some of his numerous accomplishments include the Terminal re-model, the TSA screening moved to a central location, a contract for Fire Services with the City of Monterey, and, currently, the Runway Safety Area Project and Airport Master Plan Project.

Throughout his extraordinary career, Tom has received numerous awards for his contributions to the profession. He was the recipient of the American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE) Leadership Award in 2000, served as AAAE chairman in 2003, received the Distinguished Service Award in 2005, and the Chair's Award for 2008. He was named Airport Manager of the Year in 1988 and received the Chapter's Award of Distinction in 2003.

Mr. Speaker, the Central Coast is exceptionally grateful to Tom for his service to the community, the aviation industry, and the country. I wish nothing but the best for Tom in his retirement, and I know he looks forward to spending more time with his wonderful family, including his five children and thirteen grandchildren.

ROBERT FISHER

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate and to recognize Robert Fisher upon his recent election to the Board of Directors at the National Association of Federal Credit Unions.

Mr. Fisher has served as the President and CEO of Grow Financial Federal Credit Union for 23 years and his dedication to the community has been an outstanding asset to the Tampa Bay area. It is a testament to his leadership that Grow Financial is ranked as one of the best places to work in the Tampa Bay Times' employee survey of Top Workplaces.

Mr. Fisher has previously served on the Board of Directors of the Tampa Bay Partnership Regional Economic Development Group, the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta Jacksonville Branch, and he has chaired the Finance committee of the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

Mr. Fisher's knowledge and experience with serving his community and the financial services sector will undoubtedly benefit National Association of Federal Credit Unions as he has a deep understanding of the challenges and issues that lie ahead with credit unions at both the state and federal level and I look forward to working with him in his new capacity.

Mr. Speaker, I join the Tampa Bay community in thanking Mr. Robert Fisher for his exceptional service, not only to our district, but to the State of Florida.

IN RECOGNITION OF MRS. ARLINE FRANCES DENNIS ON THE OCCASION OF HER 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize my constituent, Mrs. Arline Frances Dennis, as she celebrates her 100th birthday. Arline presently resides with her son in Shickshinny, which I am proud to say is in my district. She has continually served our area through her involvement in the church and in the community as a whole.

Arline was born on November 23, 1915 in Reyburn, Pennsylvania. She grew up attending a one room school, and later went on to graduate from Shickshinny High School. Growing up, she belonged to the Reyburn Bible Church, where she was an active member of the congregation. As an avid piano player and energetic teacher, Arline taught Sunday school and helped to organize a number of the church's Christmas programs. She also dedicated her time to the church youth group, "Christian Endeavor."

In 1939, Arline married Charles Elmer Dennis, and the two were married for 63 years before Charles passed away in 2002. They have two sons together, Wayne Charles and Zane Elmer. The family attended Harmony Methodist Church, where Arline played the piano, directed the choir, and taught Sunday School, and Charles was the Sunday School superintendent. Later, the two went on to be founding members of the Woodland Bible Chapel. With her love for music and community, Arline continued to play the piano and teach Sunday school at this new house of worship. Though she no longer plays the piano or teaches, Arline continues to attend services at Woodland Bible Chapel.

Outside of church, Arline has served our community in a variety of roles. For 16 years, she proudly served as the Judge of Elections in Union Township, located in Luzerne County. Furthermore, in addition to giving private piano lessons to over 500 students until 2010, Arline also taught music at Muhlenburg Christian Academy for 22 years, touching the lives of many students until she retired at the age of 90. With a passion for travel, Arline also coordinated community bus trips to New Jersey and Florida. In fact, during their marriage, Arline and Charles visited every state in the continental US and also traveled to Hawaii and Israel.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to recognize Mrs. Arline Frances Dennis on this important milestone, and to thank her for her time spent serving our area. Arline's commitment to her faith, family, and community are admirable, and I wish her a happy and healthy 100th birthday celebration in the company of family and friends.

NATURAL GROCERS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Natural Grocers' efforts to promote healthy eating through their free educational outreach over the last 60 years.

Natural Grocers by Vitamin Cottage was founded by Margaret and Phillip Isely and is based in Lakewood, Colorado. In 2015, they were recognized as the 11th fastest growing Colorado public company. Their mission is to provide shoppers with an affordable, healthy lifestyle as well as empower them to take control of their own wellbeing.

Not only does Natural Grocers supply Coloradans with healthy food options, they also provide customers personalized nutrition information to help them meet their nutritional goals. Natural Grocers has provided Coloradans free nutrition education programs since 1955. Their health coaches organize nutritional outreach programs to numerous schools and businesses, as well as hold in-store cooking demonstrations and nutrition classes.

Additionally, I regularly hold my "Government in the Grocery" events at Natural Grocers stores around my district. These events give me the opportunity to visit with constituents in their communities on topics ranging from veterans issues, the economy and jobs to foreign policy.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to congratulate Natural Grocers for their accomplishment in promoting healthy eating through educational outreach and I commend them for their dedication to providing extraordinary services to Colorado customers. I wish Natural Grocers all the best in their next 60 years of operation.

IRANIAN NUCLEAR STATE "INEVITABLE" UNDER FLAWED WEAPON DEAL

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, President Obama continues to tell Congress and the American people that the Iran nuclear agreement is the best deal possible and advances peace. Such boasting collapses under scrutiny. What was previously unacceptable—an Iranian nuclear state—is now inevitable under the terms and conditions of what is officially known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action.

Tragically, the deal is riddled with serious flaws, gaps, and huge concessions to Iran. Taken as a whole, the deal poses an existential threat to Israel, our allies in the region—and even poses significant risks to the United States, despite assurances from Secretary of State John Kerry in testimony before the House Foreign Affairs Committee today.

Not only is Iran now permitted to continue enriching uranium—a previous nonnegotiable redline was no enrichment whatsoever—but inspections are anything but "anytime, anywhere"—the Obama Administration's previous pledge to the nation and the world.

And the key restriction on Iran's nuclear program—the ability to enrich at high levels—begins to expire in as little as 10 years. Once these restrictions expire, Iran could enrich on an industrial scale and the U.S. and its allies will be left with no effective measures to prevent Iran from initiating an accelerated nuclear program to produce the materials needed for a nuclear weapon.

On the inspections front, Iran's Supreme Leader Khamenei has stated that he will "never" permit inspectors to inspect Iran's military bases. Even after the agreement was signed, the Iranian Minister of Defense reportedly said that "Tehran will not allow any foreigner to discover Iran's defensive and missile capabilities by inspecting the country's military sites."

Given Iran's repeated cover-ups of its clandestine nuclear program, its refusal to give the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) access to its Parchin military facility where Iran is believed to have tested detonators for nuclear warheads, and its stone-walling the IAEA concerning evidence that it had done extensive research and development on a nuclear explosive device, verification is fundamental to ensure that Iran is abiding by the agreement's terms. Secretary Kerry, after an Iranian history of refusal to allow inspections at Parchin, would only assure us of inspections there "as appropriate," whatever that means.

Yet the agreement contains many limits on access by IAEA inspectors to suspected sites, including a 24-day period in which Iran is allowed to continue to refuse the IAEA's request to visit a facility followed by a very long process needed to increase pressure on Iran to permit access if it still blocks access by inspectors. During this period, Iran will have sufficient time to remove, cover up, or destroy any evidence. "Managed access" would be better called "manipulated access" as inspectors will get access to suspected sites only after consultations between the world powers and Iran, over as long as 24 days—or more.

Under Secretary of State Wendy Sherman has said that pledges by Obama Administration officials that the agreement would guarantee "anywhere, anytime" inspections of Iran's nuclear facilities were only "rhetorical." Mere words without substance? Why would our allies in the region trust us if our word—and negotiating positions—are indeed only rhetorical flourish?

Congress recently discovered that the United States and other P5+1 members have left the IAEA and Iran to work out inspection details in secret, which could allow Iran to simply submit samples and make its own certification of compliance in lieu of actual inspection of facilities such as Parchin.

Mr. Speaker, the IAEA has uncovered significant evidence that Iran has engaged in activities related to the development of a nuclear weapon. Despite many agreements with the IAEA in which Iran has pledged to provide satisfactory information, the IAEA has repeatedly said that Iran has given it virtually nothing. Secretary of State Kerry has said that the U.S. has "absolute knowledge" of Iran's past military activities regarding its nuclear program, but Gen. Michael Hayden, the former Director of the CIA, recently testified to Congress that the U.S. did not have that capability.

Furthermore, as witnesses testified at a joint hearing this afternoon by three Foreign Affairs

subcommittees, there is ample evidence that Iran has a longstanding nuclear collaboration with North Korea. In light of the abundant evidence they will present, what gives the Administration certainty that the Iranians won't at some point during this agreement acquire fissile material beyond what they are allowed to produce for themselves or actual warheads from North Korea?

Why was the Iran-North Korea nuclear collaboration not factored into the Iran nuclear agreement? Surely Secretary Kerry is aware of the Iran-North Korea nuclear linkage. Assistant Secretary of State for Public Affairs Douglas Frantz, previously a high-ranking Kerry Senate aide, wrote a 2003 article about Iran's ties to the North Korean nuclear program. Are we to believe Frantz and Kerry never discussed this issue? He dodged the question at today's committee hearing.

Mr. Speaker, in March 2007, the UN Security Council unanimously adopted Resolution 1747 which, *inter alia*, established an embargo on the export from Iran of all arms and related materials, thereby banning all states and groups from purchasing or receiving arms from Iran. The resolution also called on all states to "exercise vigilance and restraint" in their supply of any items covered by the U.N. Register of Conventional Arms to Iran.

However, reports indicate that Russia is eager to sell massive amounts of military hardware to Iran. How will this shape other regional conflicts in which Iran is currently involved, including Iraq, Syria, and Yemen? After the conventional arms embargo is lifted in just 5 years, what limitations, if any, will there be on Iran's ability to export arms, specifically heavy weapons? Besides Russia, who else will sell weapons to Iran? China?

Moreover, the Administration and its supporters of the Iranian nuclear agreement downplay the possibility of Saudi Arabia, for example, producing a nuclear weapon as part of a Middle East arms race. However, the Saudis are building King Abdullah City for Atomic Renewable Energy to train nuclear scientists and already have greater science and mathematics capacity than Pakistan had when it developed nuclear weapons. Why couldn't and why wouldn't the Saudis join the nuclear arms race when faced with a more nuclear and conventionally armed Iran? Secretary Kerry would have us believe that the Saudis and others in the region would prefer the current agreement to an effort to achieve a more effective one and would agree not to pursue nuclear weapons even though Iran is on the path to develop or acquire its own.

Mr. Speaker, ballistic missiles are a central component of any country's nuclear weapons program as they allow for the quick, accurate delivery of nuclear weapons over long distances. While the agreement calls for Iran to abide by all U.N. Security Council resolutions—including the requirement that "Iran shall not undertake any activity related to ballistic missiles capable of delivering nuclear weapons," Iranian Supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei's criticized the call for Iran to end its ballistic missile program, characterizing it as "a stupid, idiotic expectation" and claiming "The Revolutionary Guards should definitely carry out their program and not be satisfied with the present level. They should mass produce."

In an 11th hour concession by the Obama Administration and others, the agreement

"sunsets" U.N. sanctions on Iran's ballistic missile program after 8 years, and also requires that the European Union do the same. U.S. intelligence estimates Iran to have the largest arsenal of ballistic missiles in the Middle East. Congress has heard testimony that "no country that has not aspired to possess nuclear weapons has ever opted to sustain" a costly, long-range missile program. Simply put, countries build ICBMs to deliver nukes.

Under this agreement, the Iranians have stated they are under no obligation to stop developing ballistic missiles. In fact, this agreement would allow them the two things they need to advance their program: money and foreign assistance.

Mr. Speaker, the agreement requires "full implementation" by October 15 of the commitments in the "roadmap" made by Iran to the IAEA in their 2011 agreement, following which the IAEA is to provide its "final assessment on the resolution of all past and present outstanding issues." However, there is no stated penalty if Iran continues to refuse to provide sufficient information to fully answer the IAEA's questions, which Iran cannot do without admitting it had a secret nuclear weapons program.

Iran has repeatedly agreed to answer the IAEA's questions regarding extensive evidence that it had a secret research and development program regarding a nuclear device, including fitting it onto a ballistic missile. All that resulted was the Iranians stonewalling the inspectors.

Is the failure to resolve the possible military dimensions as required by the IAEA a violation of the agreement? Why would Iran provide any information now when there is nothing in the agreement to compel it to do so?

Finally, Mr. Speaker, Saeed Abedini is an American citizen. He was in Iran in 2012, visiting family and building an orphanage, when he was taken prisoner. Twelve years before, he had converted to Christianity and later was involved in the home church movement in Iran. Knowing about his conversion and earlier engagement with home churches, Iranian authorities approved his 2012 trip, approved his orphanage-building, and then imprisoned him. He has been in prison ever since then, and has suffered immensely, from beatings that have caused internal bleeding, death threats, solitary confinement, and more. His wife, Naghme, who is also an American and has been a heroic champion for her husband, and their two young children, have also suffered.

I and many other Members of Congress have been advocating on behalf of Pastor Abedini and the other Americans unjustly held in Iran: Amir Hekmati, Jason Rezaian, and Robert Levinson. After our constant appeals for action to secure their release, Secretary Kerry said today that the Administration is now focusing on their release. We shall see what happens.

Congress should vote down the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, reinstate comprehensive, robust sanctions and direct the executive branch to resume the struggle to craft an enforceable accord to ensure no nuclear weapons capability for Iran—ever. Congress did this with the SALT 1, SALT II and the Chemical Weapons Convention and ended up with stronger accords. Why not do so once again?

IN RECOGNITION OF COLONEL RICK HARNEY, JR. ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE UNITED STATES ARMY

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Colonel Rick Harney, Jr. on the occasion of his retirement from the United States Army. Throughout his 37 year career, Col. Harney has selflessly served our country and community; namely, during the time he spent as Director of the United States Army Heritage and Education Center (USAHEC) at the Carlisle Barracks, which I am honored to represent. USAHEC is a tremendous institution within my congressional district charged with educating members of our Armed Forces and honoring soldiers—past and present.

Col. Harney enlisted in the Army in August of 1978. In 1987, after matriculating from the United States Officer Candidate School in Fort Benning, Georgia as a Distinguished Military Graduate, he received his commission as a Field Artillery Lieutenant. He has undertaken many notable assignments, including Assistant Commandant and Chief at the United States Army Quartermaster School in Fort Lee, Virginia, and Commander of the Defense Distribution Center at the Anniston Army Depot in Alabama. Such roles have enabled Col. Harney to positively influence his colleagues, as well as the future strategic leaders of our military.

A Magna Cum Laude graduate from Hawaii Pacific University with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, he also holds an impressive number of advanced degrees, including a Master of Business Administration from Webster University, a Master of Military Arts and Science from the United States Army Command and General Staff College, and a Master of Strategic Studies from the Air War College. In addition to his academic success, Col. Harney has received an extensive amount of awards and decorations. These include the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Meritorious Service Medal with Silver Oak Leaf Cluster, Joint Service Achievement Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Achievement Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters, Joint Meritorious Unit Award with Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Superior Unit Award, Master Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, and Parachute Rigger Badge. Such accolades are indicative of the high caliber of his dedicated service to our nation.

On July 7th, 2014, Col. Harney assumed duties as the Director of the USAHEC at the Carlisle Barracks in my congressional district. As an instructor and educator, Col. Harney has significantly improved the experiences of his fellow instructors and students. The initiatives and programs he has implemented have shaped the lives of the future leaders of our military, and have enhanced the effectiveness of the United States Army War College. Even though he will no longer be present at USAHEC on a day-to-day basis, his legacy will inevitably carry on.

Mr. Speaker, I am humbled to congratulate Col. Harney on the culmination of a distinguished, 37-year career in the United States

Army. I hope that he will celebrate the occasion in the company of his wife, Leslie, his children, Dominick, Aerin, Marc, and Ashley, and his grandchildren, Izumi, Eugene, Marc, Marvelo, Mecca, Ayrielle, and Ash'kelon. I wish him all the best in this next chapter of his life.

RECOGNIZING THE DEDICATED
SERVICE OF CAPTAIN STEPHEN
F. WILLIAMSON

HON. DEREK KILMER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Mr. KILMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the dedicated service of Captain Stephen F. Williamson. CAPT Williamson has served as the 48th Commanding Officer of Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility at Naval Base Kitsap.

Since June of 2012, his steadfast leadership has helped guide the civil servants and sailors at PSNS & IMF through periods of tumult and uncertainty, unprecedented growth, and continued strife around the world. In addition, his positive influence has gone well beyond the fences of Naval Base Kitsap and into the surrounding communities of the Kitsap Peninsula.

Prior to assuming the role of Commanding Officer at PSNS & IMF, CAPT Williamson served as Business & Operations Officer, Production Resource Officer, and Operations Officer within the Command. Using experience from these roles, his stellar educational background, and multiple waterfront maintenance and surface warfare tours, CAPT Williamson was well-prepared to take on the challenges that the PSNS & IMF Command can present to its Commanding Officer.

To meet challenging expectations to maintain the fleet and support changing deployment schedules, CAPT Williamson made great strides in growing civilian employment at PSNS & IMF to meet readiness standards and help replace an aging workforce. In addition to hiring thousands of new employees, CAPT Williamson has built on the strong tradition of the PSNS & IMF Apprenticeship Program to help grow the necessary expertise and future civilian leaders at the Shipyard.

Outside of the deployments and work schedules, CAPT Williamson was forced to deal with a number of external factors that put his true leadership skills on display. Congressional dysfunction and budget uncertainty during his tenure as PSNS & IMF Commander forced CAPT Williamson to make difficult decisions in times of uncertainty. Regardless of what needed to be done, CAPT Williamson proved to be an open and effective communicator to the entire Command and ultimately put the needs of our Service Members and the Country first.

Mr. Speaker, CAPT Stephen F. Williamson's leadership was not only exhibited within the gates of PSNS & IMF, but outside of the fence line in communities like Bremerton, Silverdale, and Port Orchard. CAPT Williamson was a regular participant in community events like Armed Forces Day and Whaling Days and rarely missed an opportunity to join a fun-run or service oriented 5K Race. He invested his time in building strong relationships with local service clubs and support organizations like

the Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Navy League and the Puget Sound Naval Bases Association.

On behalf of the residents of the 6th Congressional District of Washington State I stand today, proudly, to honor the service of CAPT Stephen F. Williamson as Commanding Officer of Puget Sound Naval Shipyard & Intermediate Maintenance Facility. His recent nomination for the rank of Rear Admiral by President Obama is well-deserved and represents his impact on this community and our Country. Mr. Speaker, I humbly offer Admiral-Select Williamson and his family my sincere gratitude, and wish them fair winds and following seas.

HONORING THE KIWANIS CLUB OF
THOUSAND OAKS

HON. JULIA BROWNLEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Ms. BROWNLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the Kiwanis Club of Thousand Oaks on the occasion of its 50th anniversary.

The Kiwanis Club of Thousand Oaks was founded in 1965 and is part of Kiwanis International, a global organization of steadfast volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time. For five decades, the ever-expanding Kiwanis Club of Thousand Oaks has served countless children and has held true to its mission of public service. It is through this service to community that the Kiwanis Club continues to make the Conejo Valley a better place to live, work, and raise a family.

Over the last half century, the organization has made a concerted effort to encourage members of the community of all ages to volunteer. With over 100 members across the Conejo Valley region, the Kiwanis Club of Thousand Oaks has quickly become an impressive success and annually dedicates thousands of volunteer hours to its cause.

In addition to its invaluable service to the community, the club provides support for several youth leadership programs such as KEY Clubs in local high schools and service learning organizations at both Pepperdine University and California Lutheran University. Furthermore, the Kiwanis Club has also focused on the Eliminate Project, an international program that works to end maternal and neonatal tetanus.

For its exceptional work towards building a better community and world, I am honored to recognize the Kiwanis Club of Thousand Oaks for 50 years of service. It is with sincere gratitude that I congratulate the organization on reaching this historic and momentous milestone.

SECURING EXPEDITED SCREENING
ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2015

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, as a senior member of the Homeland Security Com-

mittee, I rise in strong support of H.R. 2127, the "Securing Expedited Screening Act."

I support this bipartisan legislation because it addresses a major issue with the implementation of security measures and the impact of those measures on the traveling public while in our nation's airports.

I want to thank my colleague, Congressman BENNIE THOMPSON of Mississippi for introducing this thoughtful and necessary legislation that will assist the Transportation Security Administration and the public.

The "Securing Expedited Screening Act" will allow the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) to expedite security screening of passengers who participate in this program and allow the security agency to focus its resources on screening individuals who may need more extensive screening.

This legislation limits the categories of airline passengers who may receive expedited airport screening by the TSA, allowing such screening only for passengers who are members of a TSA trusted traveler program such as PreCheck.

This legislation will also include individuals who are a part of the United States Military.

The TSA may also provide expedited screenings to passengers who are 75 years of age or older; or 12 years of age and younger if their parent or guardian is a participant in the PreCheck program.

This legislation also allows for the TSA to have the freedom to determine if there is another group of individuals who may be included in the PreCheck program.

Though the TSA must allow for Congress to provide an individual assessment to include new groups into the program.

Trusted programs like PreCheck that allow for the TSA officers to remain vigilant of potential threats.

With the recent news of the low pass rate of the TSA in the news, this legislation assists those officers in focusing on those individuals who were not prechecked before they attempt to enter the airport terminals.

Mr. Speaker, this is why I join with my colleagues in working to strengthen the programs that assist the TSA in protecting our commercial airports throughout this country.

I urge all of colleagues in the House to support H.R. 2127 "Securing Expedited Screening Act."

SAWTOOTH NATIONAL RECREATION
AREA AND JERRY PEAK
WILDERNESS ADDITIONS ACT

SPEECH OF

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 rise to express my disappointment that yesterday the House approved H.R. 1138, the Sawtooth National Recreation Area and Jerry Peak Wilderness Additions Act, by voice vote.

Throughout my career in Congress, I have strongly supported protection of America's wilderness, and applaud efforts to bring new lands into the National Wilderness Preservation System. However, provisions of this bill that will divide large tracts of roadless National

Forest land give me great concern. While this legislation made important improvements over previous versions, motorized/mechanized corridors including at Germania Creek divide one of the nation's most pristine wilderness areas and reduces the habitat available to vulnerable wildlife.

In order to provide stronger protection for pristine wilderness in Idaho and other parts of the Northern Rockies, I have introduced the Northern Rockies Ecosystem Protection Act (NREPA)—which would designate 23 million acres of roadless lands as permanent wilderness. This bill would protect vulnerable habitats, connect biological corridors, and restore habitats that have been damaged by road construction and clear cutting.

I am pleased to see Congress turn its attention to the Northern Rockies, but hope that Members will recognize the significant shortfalls of H.R. 1138. As it is considered in the Senate, this legislation should be amended to preserve one of the largest roadless wilderness areas in the lower 48 states, as well as grant protection to additional areas in the Northern Rockies identified in NREPA.

VETERANS' COMPENSATION COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT ACT OF 2015

SPEECH OF

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 27, 2015

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, today, the House voted on H.R. 675, the Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2015, a bipartisan bill that protects veterans' benefits from inflation. I was unavoidably detained; however, if I had been present, I would have voted in favor of this much needed legislation.

Veterans and their families have sacrificed greatly for our country, and it is unacceptable that so many military families are struggling every day to make ends meet. These brave individuals should never be faced with the difficult choice of either paying their bills or feeding their families. As the greatest country in the world, we have a moral obligation to fix this situation and provide veterans with the compensation and support they deserve. I believe this bill is a strong first step in the right direction.

Today, I applaud my colleagues in Congress for voting in favor of struggling veterans, disabled former service members, and their families by supporting the Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2015. Moreover, I ask my fellow Members of Congress to continue advocating for our veterans by encouraging companies to hire vets while also addressing the systemic problems within the VA healthcare system.

RECOGNIZING THOMAS GRIFFIN

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Mr. WALDEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Thomas Griffin, a very intelligent,

talented, and motivated member of my staff who transitions this week from my office to begin law school next month at the University of Oregon.

Hailing from Central Oregon, Thomas was born at Mountain View Hospital where his mom was a pharmacist. He was raised on a third generation family farm between Culver and Lake Billy Chinook and became involved in the family grass and vegetable seed company.

Thomas graduated from Culver High School, where he was a state champion in football, student body president, and valedictorian of his class of 54. He was also involved in the FFA, rising to be President of the state organization in March of his senior year in high school.

He spent the next year on the road, visiting more than 50 FFA chapters and facilitating agricultural leadership and awareness workshops for over 5,000 high school students. It was through FFA that Thomas made his first trip to Washington, D.C., and first met me during the state convention in La Grande in 2009.

After his dedicated leadership as FFA state president, Thomas started college at Oregon State in 2009. He followed in the footsteps of his parents, both proud Beaver alums. He graduated in 2012 with a degree in environmental economics, policy and management, and a minor in agricultural business management.

I originally hired Thomas as an intern in my office, and since then he has served in my office as a Legislative Correspondent and currently as a senior Legislative Assistant. When Thomas first applied for an internship, he was recommended to me by several top leaders in the agricultural community. Once he started, I quickly took note of Thomas's dedication, work ethic, and passion for serving constituents in Oregon's Second Congressional District. This led me to hire Thomas to work in my office full time after he graduated from Oregon State. In my office, he quickly acclimated to the multifaceted job he was hired to tackle.

Thomas has been assisting me primarily on issues related to federal agriculture, forestry, natural resources, and water policy. With 53 percent of the land in Oregon being owned and managed by the federal government, these issues are of critical importance to the economy and people in my congressional district. Thomas's good work and assistance helped me pass federal forestry reform legislation through the House of Representatives for the first time in nearly 10 years, in addition to several other pieces of legislation that were Oregon focused.

As Thomas proved that he was capable of handling more responsibility in my office, he has since added other issue areas to his legislative portfolio including education, trade, energy, and financial services. I have been impressed as Thomas has approached these new responsibilities with a can-do attitude, demonstrating a high level of commitment and integrity. Thomas has my complete confidence in his abilities, something I hear echoed from my Chief of Staff and others that he works with.

Now, Thomas is headed to the University of Oregon for law school. He plans to focus on environmental and business law to help ensure that our farmers, ranchers, and foresters can focus on what they do best: producing the best food, fiber, and fuel in the world.

On a personal note, as a dedicated Oregon Duck myself, I am eager to see Thomas—a lifelong Oregon State Beaver—join our proud Duck community.

Thomas will be sorely missed by me and my team, but we plan to stay in close touch and will enjoy seeing his successes down the road. With that, Mr. Speaker, please join me in wishing Thomas the best of luck as he heads West and "Go Ducks!"

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and missed Roll Call vote numbers 467, 468, and 469. Had I been present, I would have voted aye on each.

HONORING CARL JENSEN

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Dr. Carl Jensen, founder of Project Censored, who passed away on April 23, 2015.

Mr. Jensen was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., in 1929, the only child of Danish and Swedish immigrants. His family moved to Northern California at the outbreak of World War II, settling in Arcata in Humboldt County. Throughout his career and life, he lived many places including Europe, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Santa Barbara and eventually to Cotati in 1973 where he met his wife Sandra while teaching at Sonoma State University. Prior to his time in academia Jensen served his country as an Air Force intelligence officer in Puerto Rico during the Korean War. In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons, Sherman Jackson of Crescent City and John Jensen of Lucerne, and two daughters, Lisa Jensen of Monterey and Pia Jensen.

Mr. Jensen was a professor emeritus of Sociology and Communications Studies at Sonoma State University in California and author of *Censored—The News That Didn't Make the News and Why* (from 1976 to 1996), *20 Years of Censored News* (1997), and *Stories That Changed America: Muckrakers of the 20th Century* (2000). He founded Project Censored, the internationally recognized media research project, in 1976.

Project Censored has remained a distinguishing aspect of the university's curriculum for 39 years. Jensen's pioneering program of hands-on student training in independent journalism has now been adopted at dozens of college and university campuses across the country and around the world. And today, Project Censored is the longest running research project on news media censorship. A true and lasting achievement to be sure.

His legacy is not fully encompassed by his published work. It also includes the hundreds of undergraduate students, at Sonoma State and in classrooms across the nation, who research news stories from the independent

press to determine if those stories were censored in the corporate media. Mr. Jensen has had a profound and lasting impact on hundreds of students in the 5th District and around the country.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time to acknowledge the life and accomplishments of Carl Jensen, a true leader, patriot, and defender of the first amendment. May he rest in peace.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT PITTENGER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Mr. PITTENGER. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call Votes #467, 468 and 469, I am not recorded because I was absent from the U.S. House of Representatives. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner.

On Roll Call #467. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA.

On Roll Call #468. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA.

On Roll Call #469. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA.

COMMENDING MRS. GLENDA PITTMAN FOR HER INSTRUMENTAL ROLE IN THE COMPLETION OF "THE HUB," THE NEW SENIOR CENTER IN COLVILLE, WASHINGTON

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mrs. Glenda Pittman, of Colville, Washington for her tireless commitment to Eastern Washington. Starting in 2000, Mrs. Pittman began raising money for the "Meals on Wheels" program. Due to her widespread success feeding countless seniors, she offered her leadership to raise money for a new senior center. After years of fundraising, Glenda helped raise the funds necessary to purchase the land and on March 7, 2015, "The Hub" opened its doors to the community.

Glenda and her husband, Glen moved to Colville, Washington nearly 50 years ago. As local business owners, the Pittman's life-long dedication to their community began when they opened the first convenient store in Orient, Washington.

In March of 2006, Glenda began raising money for the new senior center. Glenda and her sister, JoAnna began hosting popular wine tasting galas. After an incredibly successful first gala, these events became an October tradition. Eventually, Glenda expanded her fund raising efforts to include an autumn pinochle tournament, bake sales, bingo, and a partnership with Schwan's Food Company.

Thanks to Mrs. Glenda Pittman's leadership, the senior community center broke ground in April of 2014, with an open house and dedication. Today, a brand new building valued at \$1.1 million offers seniors meals, health and wellness activities, and recreational opportuni-

ties, including games and activities. "The Hub" is also used for weddings, parties, and meetings.

This effort took representatives from the entire Colville community, including local foundations, businesses, and a community block grant. The community effort is highlighted by Glenda's motto: We work as a "TEAM"—Together Everyone Accomplishes More.

So today, I rise to acknowledge and thank Mrs. Glenda Pittman for her years of dedication and hard work. I also want to congratulate her—her leadership in Colville encouraged an entire community to band together, supporting Eastern Washington's seniors. Due to Glenda's genuine care and involvement in the community, Colville has a brand new building, "The Hub" that will unite their community together for generations to come.

THE PRICE OF FETAL PARTS

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I would like to submit the following:

[From the Washington Post, July 23, 2015]

(By Charles Krauthammer)

Planned Parenthood's reaction to the release of a clandestinely recorded conversation about the sale of fetal body parts was highly revealing. After protesting that it did nothing illegal, it apologized for the "tone" of one of its senior directors.

Her remarks lacked compassion, admitted Planned Parenthood President Cecile Richards. As if Dr. Deborah Nucatola's cold and casual discussion over salad and wine of how the fetal body can be crushed with forceps in a way that leaves valuable organs intact for sale is some kind of personal idiosyncrasy. On the contrary, it's precisely the kind of psychic numbing that occurs when dealing daily with industrial scale destruction of the growing, thriving, recognizably human fetus.

This was again demonstrated by the release this week of a second video showing another official sporting that same tone, casual and even jocular, while haggling over the price of an embryonic liver. "If it's still low, then we can bump it up," she joked, "I want a Lamborghini."

Abortion critics have long warned that the problem is not only the obvious—what abortion does to the fetus—but also what it does to us. It's the same kind of desensitization that has occurred in the Netherlands with another mass exercise in life termination: assisted suicide. It began as a way to prevent the suffering of the terminally ill. It has now become so widespread and wanton that one-fifth of all Dutch assisted-suicide patients are euthanized without their explicit consent.

The Planned Parenthood revelations will have an effect. Perhaps not on government funding, given the Democratic Party's unwavering support and the president wishing it divine guidance. Planned Parenthood might escape legal jeopardy as well, given the loophole in the law banning the sale of fetal parts that permits compensation for expenses (shipping and handling, as it were).

But these revelations will have an effect on public perceptions. Just as ultrasound altered feelings about abortion by showing the image, the movement, the vibrant livingness of the developing infant in utero, so too, I suspect, will these Planned Parenthood rev-

elations, by throwing open the door to the backroom of the clinic where that being is destroyed.

It's an ugly scene. The issue is less the sale of body parts than how they are obtained. The nightmare for abortion advocates is a spreading consciousness of how exactly a healthy fetus is turned into a mass of marketable organs, how, in the words of a senior Planned Parenthood official, one might use "a less crunchy technique"—crush the head, spare the organs—"to get more whole specimens."

The effect on the public is a two-step change in sensibilities. First, when ultrasound reveals how human the living fetus appears. Next, when people learn, as in these inadvertent admissions, what killing the fetus involves.

Remember. The advent of ultrasound has coincided with a remarkable phenomenon: Of all the major social issues, abortion is the only one that has not moved toward increasing liberalization. While the legalization of drugs, the redefinition of marriage and other assertions of individual autonomy have advanced, some with astonishing rapidity, abortion attitudes have remained largely static. The country remains evenly split.

What will be the reaction to these Planned Parenthood revelations? Right now, to try to deprive it of taxpayer money. Citizens repelled by its activities should not be made complicit in them. But why not shift the focus from the facilitator to the procedure itself?

The House has already passed a bill banning abortion after 20 weeks. That's far more fruitful than trying to ban it entirely because, apart from the obvious constitutional issue, there is no national consensus about the moral status of the early embryo. There's more agreement on the moral status of the later-term fetus. Indeed, about two-thirds of Americans would ban abortion after the first trimester.

There is more division about the first trimester because one's views of the early embryo are largely a matter of belief, often religious belief. One's view of the later-term fetus, however, is more a matter of what might be called sympathetic identification—seeing the image of a recognizable human infant and, now, hearing from the experts exactly what it takes to "terminate" its existence.

The role of democratic politics is to turn such moral sensibilities into law. This is a moment to press relentlessly for a national ban on late-term abortions.

HONORING ADA'S LEGACY, BUILDING FOR ITS FUTURE

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, this past weekend our nation celebrated the 25th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Since its enactment in 1990, this seminal law has not only benefited millions of persons with disabilities; it has benefited every American. Today, we are a stronger, more diverse, fairer, and more accessible society thanks to the ADA.

One part of our daily lives where the law's achievements are particularly visible is in public transportation. Mr. Michael P. Melaniphy, president and CEO of the American Public Transportation Association (APTA), captured the hope and promise of the ADA in an essay

published this week in APTA's Passenger Transport newsmagazine. I commend APTA and the public transportation community for their efforts to help us move closer to an America, as Mr. Melaniphy states, "With equal access for everyone, everywhere and at all times." I submit his essay.

(By Michael Melaniphy, APTA President & CEO)

The history of public transportation is the story of American progress. Over decades of technological and social change, our industry has helped open frontiers, grow local economies, and improve the lives of millions.

This month's silver anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a reminder of how mobility can change attitudes and break down barriers, both real and perceived.

When Congress in 1990 guaranteed equal opportunity for persons with disabilities, seminal changes were already writing the prelude for a new century focused on freedom and equity. It was the year that Nelson Mandela was released from a South African prison. East and West Germany were united. Tim Berners-Lee gave us the World Wide Web.

None of us could have foreseen what would emerge 25 years later, but we knew ADA would change the way our nation and our industry thought about access to public transportation.

It's been said that without struggle there can be no progress, and the early days of implementing this new law were challenging. The country had just entered a recession and many cash-strapped public transit agencies were politically and fiscally encumbered.

As a young general manager in Hamilton, Ohio, at the time, a dearth of resources for ADA compliance forced me to think differently about what equal access could mean for our community. We established a system-wide point deviation plan and introduced braille and tactile bus stop signs—both firsts in the nation that became models for other public transit organizations. The experience marked the beginning of a new personal passion to provide equal access to all.

To design practical solutions, we needed to gain a true understanding of the difficulties faced by persons with disabilities. While sitting in wheelchairs, our drivers, supervisors and I learned firsthand what it was like to navigate high floor buses and ride when incorrectly secured in a paratransit vehicle. We donned blackened goggles to experience a bus trip without visual clues to our location, and we discovered that ADA-mandated curb cuts didn't necessarily mean a sidewalk would take us to a desired destination once we left the bus. All of this helped us become better problem solvers, better thought leaders and better citizens.

Today the public transportation sector can take pride in how far we have come. Aspiration has replaced apprehension. From 1993 to 2013, the portion of accessible buses nearly doubled (from 51 percent to 99.8 percent), accessible light rail and streetcar fleets more than doubled (from 41 percent to 88 percent) and accessible commuter and hybrid rail fleets almost tripled (from 32 percent to 87 percent). Additionally, all of America's heavy rail and trolleybus fleets are 100 percent ADA compliant. Such advances in fixed route access have allowed tens of millions of people with disabilities to participate more fully in their communities.

For individuals who are unable to use these modes of public transit, our systems provided more than 230 million demand-response trips in 2013—from a starting point of 68 million in 1990, the year ADA was enacted.

The achievements of the past quarter century should encourage us to address any re-

maining challenges. Our industry must continue to build productive partnerships with the ADA community. Both physical and financial barriers persist for some legacy rail systems. And we need to find new, more cost-efficient ways to reach more people, especially through our fixed-route services.

In this 25th-anniversary year, there is good reason to be enthusiastic. Unlike 1990, today's technological innovations appear almost monthly, offering fresh ways to increase access and choice while reducing fear and complexity for new riders.

Still, an industry is made great not just by its newest machines, but by how it lives its values and meets its customers' greatest needs. Our work is about more than getting people to and from a workplace or doctor's office; it's about giving everyone the freedom, independence, and access to achieve their greatest potential.

ADA has taught our industry that progress is impossible without change. Our commitment to fulfilling the law's spirit has become a core tenet of who we are and what we do. Like so many of the people whose stories are told—and who are pictured—in this special publication, I am proud to have played a role in ADA's foundational years.

Thanks to ADA and the efforts of public transportation leaders, we move closer every day to a world with equal access for everyone, everywhere and at all times. It's a legacy that deserves to be celebrated.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF DR. GAYLE ALEXANDER

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding individual, Dr. Gayle Alexander, of Lexington, Kentucky. Dr. Alexander, a part of the greatest generation, served our nation in the United States Army.

Alexander grew up with a love for airplanes. He got his pilot's license at the age of fifteen, after just a few lessons. Following the attack on Pearl Harbor, Alexander volunteered and was accepted immediately into the Army Air Corps as a pilot. He was assigned to be a flight instructor, training other pilots for combat flying.

After two years, Dr. Alexander finally got his wish to be a part of combat and was sent to England to fly B-24 and B-17 bombers that hit targets in Nazi-held Europe on a daily basis. He named his plane the "Kentucky Kloudhopper". Alexander spent much of the time flying a "Mickey ship" equipped with special radar and led other bombers to their targets. On one mission, he and his crew barely made it back to England with 308 holes in their plane, two engines out, and part of the tail missing.

On his nineteenth mission, Dr. Alexander led one of the biggest raids of the war, with 1,200 bombers attacking a German oil plant. His plane was blown to bits just moments after dropping its bombs. Alexander struggled to deploy his parachute, reached the ground, and was immediately captured. He spent seven long months in German POW camps, where he received virtually no medical care and endured bedbugs, starvation, bitter cold, and long distance marches. He and his fellow POWs were finally liberated on April 29, 1945 by General George Patton and his troops. Dr.

Alexander returned home on a hospital ship, weighing barely 113 pounds.

Dr. Alexander eventually recovered. He became a veterinarian and had a long and successful career in Lexington, Kentucky. Dr. Alexander has shared a video of his war memories, his uniform, and other memorabilia with the American Air Museum in Duxford, England.

The bravery of Dr. Alexander and his fellow men and women of the United States Army is heroic. Because of his courage and the courage of individuals from all across Kentucky and our great nation, our freedoms have been preserved for our generation and for future generations. He is truly an outstanding American, a patriot, and a hero to us all.

TRIBUTE TO BOB BREWSAUGH

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of one of the best men I've ever known, Bob Brewsaugh who passed away over the weekend at the age of 76.

The good book says in 2 Corinthians 9:6, "He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully."

Bob Brewsaugh lived this scripture.

Bob was a lifelong farmer, and a loving father and grandfather.

But, most importantly, Bob Brewsaugh was a man of God.

He worked hard. He treated everyone with kindness and respect.

Whether as a Sunday school teacher at Sandusky United Methodist Church or as a County Councilman or in his daily work on the farm . . . Bob tilled the land.

He sowed bountifully. And as a consequence, he reaped a blessed and bountiful life.

My thoughts and prayers are with Bob's wife Carolyn, his two kids Scott and Mandy, my brother Richie who is Bob's son-in-law, and Scott's wife Sarah.

I also pray for Bob's grandchildren, including my nephews Connor, Trey and Reid, and the entire extended Brewsaugh family.

RECOGNIZING MR. DUNCAN SHAW, CHAIRMAN EMERITUS, DEVIL PUPS

HON. JOSEPH J. HECK

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Mr. HECK of Nevada. Mr. Speaker, I come to the floor today to honor the life of Mr. Duncan E. Shaw, a Korean War veteran and Chairman Emeritus of Devil Pups.

For more than 60 years, Duncan Shaw dedicated his time and talents to Devil Pups, a program started by his father in 1953 to provide teenagers with a life-changing opportunity to become better citizens and develop mentally, as well as physically, through Marine-inspired training.

Like his father, Duncan Shaw enlisted in the Marine Corps where he was assigned to Aviation and achieved the rank of Captain. He deployed to the combat zone during the Korean

War and was proud to be given the opportunity to serve his country.

Following his service, Mr. Shaw got into the food business, eventually rising to the position of National Product Manager for the Carnation Company.

And while he was certainly successful in the business world, he will long be remembered for the lasting impact he had on the more than 50,000 teenagers who have completed the Devil Pup program to date.

As President, Chairman, and Chairman Emeritus of Devil Pups, Duncan Shaw was most known for his endless energy in promoting the program and giving thousands of hours of his own time to ensure the program's continued success.

Many Devil Pup graduates relate being recipients of a famous "Duncan One-on-One," a conversation designed to guide and inspire an aspiring Pup.

Mr. Shaw's daughter Susan says that one of the most valuable lessons he taught was to be on time and always give 110%. Duncan Shaw lived that lesson throughout his life but most especially through his commitment to the Devil Pups.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JAMES B. RENACCI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Mr. RENACCI. Mr. Speaker, on roll call no. 467 through 469 my flight from Cleveland, OH to Washington (DCA) was delayed. I landed in Washington at 7:00 p.m. versus scheduled landing at 4:30 p.m. If I was present I would have voted yes on all three. Had I been present, I would have voted Yes.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and missed roll call votes 467, 468, and 469. If present, I would have voted "yea" on roll call 467, "yea" on roll call 468, and "yea" on roll call 469.

CONGRATULATING DC CENTRAL KITCHEN

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate DC Central Kitchen on the graduation of its 100th Culinary Job Training program. This is a remarkable milestone and I am truly inspired by the "Class of 100."

Since its inception 26 years ago, DC Central Kitchen has provided a path for nearly 1,500 people to rejoin their community, reunite with their families, contribute to our economy, and break the intergenerational cycle of hunger, homelessness, prison, and poverty. DC Cen-

tral Kitchen doesn't just feed people who are hungry; it gives them the skills to feed themselves and their families, building lives of self-sufficiency.

The 14-week Culinary Job Training program prepares unemployed, underemployed, previously incarcerated persons, and homeless adults for careers in the food service industry. Upon completion of a month-long internship, the students are provided with job readiness skills and job placement assistance.

Graduates of the Culinary Job Training program have a 90% job placement rate, are 90% less likely to return to prison than other ex-offenders nationwide, and contribute upwards of \$225,000 in payroll taxes back into the community each year.

But these impressive statistics are just one part of the Culinary Job Training program's success story. The program gives so much more to its students. It gives them the support they need to discover their own confidence and rebuild their lives.

In just the few weeks since graduation, more than half of the class has secured jobs, with the remaining graduates in the final stages of completing interviews and accepting jobs. That is extraordinary.

Mr. Speaker, I could not be prouder of the Class of 100. I wish them all the best in their culinary careers and in life. I can't wait to try their food at local restaurants.

And I offer my most heartfelt congratulations to founder Robert Egger, CEO Michael Curtin, and the wonderful staff and volunteers at DC Central Kitchen. You are an incredible example of what real leadership and innovative thinking looks like to end poverty in this country. Here's to another 100 classes of inspiring graduates.

PRIVATE CALENDAR

HON. BOB GOODLATTE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, my colleagues, F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, TREY GOWDY, JERROLD NADLER, JOSÉ SERRANO, KAREN BASS and I would like to take this opportunity to set forth some of the history behind, as well as describe the workings of the Private Calendar. I hope this might be of some value to the Members of this House, especially our newer colleagues.

Of the four House Calendars, the Private Calendar is the one to which all Private Bills are referred. Private Bills deal with specific individuals, corporations, institutions, and so forth, as distinguished from public bills which deal with classes only.

Of the 108 laws approved by the First Congress, only 5 were Private Laws. But their number quickly grew as the wars of the new Republic produced veterans and veterans' widows seeking pensions and as more citizens came to have private claims and demands against the Federal Government. The 49th Congress, 1885 to 1887, the first Congress for which complete workload and output data is available, passed 1,031 Private Laws, as compared with 434 Public Laws. At the turn of the century the 56th Congress passed 1,498 Private Laws and 443 Public Laws—a better than three to one ratio.

Private bills were referred to the Committee on the Whole House as far back as 1820, and a calendar of private bills was established in 1839. These bills were initially brought before the House by special orders, but the 62nd Congress changed this procedure by its rule XXIV, clause six which provided for the consideration of the Private Calendar in lieu of special orders. This rule was amended in 1932, and then adopted in its present form on March 27, 1935.

A determined effort to reduce the private bill workload of the Congress was made in the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946. Section 131 of that Act banned the introduction or the consideration of four types of private bills; first, those authorizing the payment of money for pensions; second, for personal or property damages for which suit may be brought under the Federal tort claims procedure; third, those authorizing the construction of a bridge across a navigable stream, or fourth, those authorizing the correction of a military or naval record.

This ban afforded some temporary relief but was soon offset by the rising postwar and Cold War flood for private immigration bills. The 82nd Congress passed 1,023 Private Laws, as compared with 594 Public Laws. The 88th Congress passed 360 Private Laws compared with 666 Public Laws.

Under rule XV, clause five, the Private Calendar is called the first and third Tuesday of each month. The consideration of the Private Calendar bills on the first Tuesday is mandatory unless dispensed with by a two-thirds vote. On the third Tuesday, however, recognition for consideration of the Private Calendar is within the discretion of the Speaker and does not take precedence over other privileged business in the House.

On the first Tuesday of each month, after disposition of business on the Speaker's table for reference only, the Speaker directs the call of the Private Calendar. If a bill called is objected to by two or more Members, it is automatically recommitted to the committee reporting it. No reservation of objection is entertained Bills un-objected to are considered in the House in the Committee of the Whole.

On the third Tuesday of each month, the same procedure is followed with the exception that omnibus bills embodying bills previously rejected have preference and are in order regardless of objection.

Such omnibus bills are read by paragraph, and no amendments are entertained except to strike out or reduce amounts or provide limitations. Matters so stricken out shall not be again included in an omnibus bill during that session. Debate is limited to motions allowable under the rule and does not admit motions to strike out the last word or reservation of objections. The rules prohibit the Speaker from recognizing Members for statements or for requests for unanimous consent for debate. Omnibus bills so passed are thereupon resolved in their component bills, which are engrossed separately and disposed of as if passed separately.

Private Calendar bills unfinished on one Tuesday go over to the next Tuesday on which such bills are in order and are considered before the call of bills subsequently on the calendar. Omnibus bills follow the same procedure and go over to the next Tuesday on which that class of business is again in order.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to describe to the newer Members the Official Objectors

Committee, the system the House has established to deal with Private Bills.

The Majority Leader and the Minority Leader each appoint three Members to serve as Private Calendar Objectors during a Congress. The Objectors are on the Floor ready to object to any Private Bill which they feel is objectionable for any reason. Should any Member have a doubt or question about a particular Private Bill, he or she can get assistance from objectors, their staff, or from the Member who introduced the bill.

The amount of private bills and the desire to have an opportunity to study them carefully before they are called on the Private Calendar has caused the six objectors to agree upon certain ground rules. The rules limit consideration of bills placed on the Private Calendar only shortly before the calendar is called. With this agreement of July 28, 2015 the members of the Private Calendar Objectors Committee have agreed that during the 114th Congress, they will consider only those bills which have been on the Private Calendar for a period of seven (7) legislative days, excluding the day the bill is placed on the calendar and the day the calendar is called. Reports must be available to the Objectors for three (3) calendar days. It is agreed that the majority and minority clerks will not submit to the Objectors any bills which do not meet this requirement.

This policy will be strictly enforced except during the closing days of a session when the House rules are suspended.

This agreement was entered into by: The gentleman from Virginia (Mr. GOODLATTE), the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. SENSENBRENNER), the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. GOWDY), the gentleman from New York (Mr. NADLER), the gentlewoman from California (Ms. BASS), and the gentleman from New York (Mr. SERRANO).

I feel confident that I speak for my colleagues when I request all Members to enable us to give the necessary advance considerations to private bills by not asking that we depart from the above agreement unless absolutely necessary.

Sincerely,

BOB GOODLATTE.
F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER.
TREY GOWDY.
JERROLD NADLER.
KAREN BASS.
JOSÉ SERRANO.

RECOGNIZING THE CITY OF SHAWNEE, KANSAS FOR RECEIVING THE "2015 EMPLOYER SUPPORT FREEDOM AWARD"

HON. KEVIN YODER

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Mr. YODER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the City of Shawnee, Kansas for receiving the "2015 Employer Support Freedom Award." This distinction is the highest recognition given to employers by the United States Department of Defense and the nomination process is open to all Guard and Reserve personnel across the entire country. This year, there were nearly 3,000 employers that applied for the award, of which 15 were selected.

The City of Shawnee employs service members from the Army National Guard, Army Re-

serves, and the Kansas Air National Guard. As these heroes well know, the city goes above and beyond federal requirements in its support of employees on military leave. For example, the city offers a service member re-integration program to ease employees back into the workplace after deployment; assists family members with chores during deployment; sends care packages to service members; recognizes service members publicly during city council meetings when they return home; and also pays the entire premium for benefits such as medical, dental and vision while the employee is serving abroad. Based on these same merits, Shawnee has also received other awards from the Department of Defense, including the "Above and Beyond Award" in 2014 and the "Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Patriot Award" in 2005.

All of these prestigious distinctions are a testament to the hospitality and level of dedication to our men and women in uniform and their families in Shawnee and throughout the entire Third District of Kansas. The 2015 Freedom Award will be presented on August 21st at the Pentagon by the Secretary of Defense. Thank you, Shawnee for your dedication to our troops and their service and sacrifice.

RECOGNIZING ASYA GONZALEZ

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Asya Gonzalez of Centennial, Colorado. Asya is the winner of the 2015 Dan Danner Leadership Award at the National Federation of Independent Businesses (NFIB) Young Entrepreneur Awards held July 23, 2015 in Washington, DC.

Asya is an exceptional young woman who started her own business, Stinky Feet Gurlz, at the age of fourteen. Stinky Feet Gurlz is a 1940's inspired apparel and accessories collection aimed at teen-aged girls and young women. She donates a portion of every sale to her charity "She is Worth It," which brings preventative awareness and education of child sex trafficking. Aside from running a successful business and charity, Asya is a radio personality and preferred speaker for International Youth. As the recipient of the 2015 Dan Danner Leadership Award, Asya received a \$15,000 Young Entrepreneur Foundation college scholarship, which she will be able to use as she enters her first year of college this fall.

Asya's entrepreneurial spirit and passion is truly inspiring to see at such a young age. I take great pride representing Asya Gonzalez in Colorado's Sixth Congressional District and I join her family, friends, and colleagues in congratulating her on this achievement. I wish her the very best of luck in all of her future endeavors.

IN HONOR OF PETER L. FISCHL

HON. NORMA J. TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Mrs. TORRES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Peter L. Fischl of Ontario, California for

his life-long work dedicated to remembering the Holocaust. Having survived the heinous acts of violence and persecution brought about by Nazi Germany, Mr. Fischl turned the hardships he witnessed as a child into poetry that helps encapsulate the experience and honor the lives of the many who perished during this harrowing time.

Mr. Fischl was a young boy during the onset of World War II. The German invasion of Hungary in 1944 forced him to separate from his family and take refuge inside of a Budapest Catholic school. While in hiding, Mr. Fischl's father, a successful businessman prior to the war, was discovered by the Gestapo and disappeared. Mr. Fischl survived the Holocaust along with his mother and sister, and later relocated to the United States in 1957.

Years later, Mr. Fischl wrote a poem upon finding a picture in Life magazine of a young Polish child interned in the Warsaw concentration camp. "To the Little Polish Boy Standing with His Arms Up" is a poignant recollection of the horrors faced by many within the Jewish community during the Holocaust. It showcases the terror that many helpless civilians endured while also expressing a sense of frustration at the lack of intervention by the international community. Mr. Fischl's work forces us to confront the history of state-sponsored mass killings in hopes of encouraging us to work together to prevent future atrocities.

Mr. Speaker, it has come to my attention that later this month, Mr. Fischl will be a special guest attending the International Quilt Study Center & Museum at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Upon his arrival, a quilt square bearing his poem will be entered into the museum's collection. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Mr. Fischl for his honors and thank him for his contributions to remembering this important period of history.

TRIBUTE TO SANTANA SMITH

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Santana Smith of Madison County, Iowa, for qualifying for the National Junior High Rodeo Finals in ribbon roping and goat tying.

Each summer, approximately 1,000 youth competitors from across the country qualify to compete for scholarships and prizes at the National Junior High Rodeo Finals. I commend Santana for her hard work and dedication to achieving her goals. She is a phenomenal young role model for others who are aspiring to compete in this prestigious national event.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I represent Iowans like Santana in the United States House of Representatives. I invite my colleagues to join me in congratulating Santana on a job well done, and wishing her nothing but continued success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, on July 27, 2015, my flight was delayed and I was unable to vote on S. 1482, H.R. 1656 and H.R. 2770.

If present, I would have voted "yea" on S. 1482, "yea" on H.R. 1656, and "yea" on H.R. 2770.

HONORING BARBARA DUBLER

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Barbara Dubler of Boynton Beach and to congratulate her on her retirement after forty years of dedicated service to the children of Florida.

A Bronx native, Mrs. Dubler moved to South Florida in 1960 and later became an educator after graduating from the University of Florida. Since then, she has worked tirelessly to inspire and educate her students. After nearly twenty years teaching in the Dade County Public Schools, she moved in 1993 to Palm Beach County to continue her work as a teacher, most recently at the Woodlands Middle School in Lake Worth, Florida. During her tenure at Woodlands, she primarily taught sixth and eighth grade English, and consistently produced some of the best-performing students in the county. Over the course of her career, Mrs. Dubler also served as the Chair of the English Department and ran a high school drama program, which she considers one of her fondest memories. Barbara's efforts have not gone unnoticed. In 2000, Mrs. Dubler was the recipient of the Social Studies Teacher of the Year Award for Palm Beach County.

Dedicated teachers like Mrs. Dubler are the backbone of the American education system. Throughout her career, she worked tirelessly to foster a positive class environment, while keeping her students engaged and eager to learn both inside and outside of the classroom. She truly serves as a model for other educators to emulate.

As a loving mother and wife, Barbara is still happily married after twenty-nine years to her husband Dr. Gary Dubler, and they have one son. In her free time, Barbara enjoys reading, traveling, and going to the theater.

In honor of her tireless work to educate our children, I am proud to recognize Barbara Dubler and to thank her for her forty years of service to our children. I wish her good health and a well-earned retirement.

TRIBUTE TO MAJOR GENERAL
ANDREW COOLEY**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, today I stand in recognition of the late Major General An-

drew Cooley; a dear friend and tremendous patriot who dedicated a life of service to this great nation. A true leader and a combat veteran, he faithfully served 38 years leading from the front and accomplishing much along the way. His career was marked by several tours at home and abroad, including the command of an Army Division, and was witness to combat in Vietnam, Korea, Lebanon, Somalia, Bosnia, Kosovo, and Angola.

In 1951 General Cooley enlisted in the army at the age of 17, and went on to receive his commission from Officer Candidate School at Ft. Benning in 1955. Over the course of his career he served in various staff and command positions including the principal representative of the Department of Defense to the Lebanese-Israeli negotiations and Commanding General of the 24th Infantry Division. Upon retirement from the Army, General Cooley was instrumental in instituting a forward focused logistical infrastructure that remains instrumental to our nation's defense.

Without a doubt General Cooley's many accomplishments should be honored. However, his accomplishments could only be realized with the support and commitment of his wife of 57 years, Joan and their two children, Cathleen and Caroline.

Mr. Speaker, I stand here today humbled by the many accomplishments of a true patriot and it is my great honor to recognize Major General Andrew Cooley for his friendship and his service to our great nation.

WE CARE ACT

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Grace, Sharon, and Eric Li. Together, these siblings founded a group called We Care Act and have helped countless people around the world.

We Care Act began in response to the 2008 earthquake in the Sichuan Province of China. Since its founding, We Care Act has distributed goods to over 30,000 people while involving 30,000 donors and volunteers. Most recently, the group gathered donations for families affected by the Houston Memorial Day floods and the victims of the Nepal earthquake. They've donated everything from laptops to letters of condolences to countries from Nicaragua to Japan. Sharon, a recent Dawson High School graduate, is headed to Yale in the fall with a \$10,000 scholarship from Kohl's and a \$20,000 from the Coca-Cola Foundation. We are proud of how much these siblings have helped people all over the world.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, thank you to the Li siblings and We Care Act for all they do to help people at home and around the world.

TRIBUTE TO MAKENNA LILLY

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Makenna

Lilly of Bridgewater, Iowa, for being chosen as a charter member for the 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador Team. Makenna is the daughter of Rich and Brooke Lilly of Adair, Iowa.

Charter membership is given to youth who demonstrate exceptional leadership and communication skills. Through the program, ambassadors develop their skills in leadership, public presentation, citizenship, community service, public relations, and team building. The character and work ethic Makenna has displayed to achieve charter membership is a true example of Iowa spirit, and I commend her for her hard work.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor to represent future leaders of America like Makenna in the United States Congress. I know my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating her on this outstanding achievement and wish her nothing but continued success moving forward.

RECOGNIZING ALYSSA BARTON

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, today I am grateful to welcome Alyssa Evelyn Barton on her visit to the U.S. Capitol. Alyssa will attend Lemon Road Elementary School in Falls Church, Virginia this fall.

A model student, Alyssa is frequently named to the Honor Roll. She is active in martial arts and dance, interested in politics, and her future career aspirations include being an attorney. I congratulate her parents, Darlene and Jacob Barton, on raising an impressive young lady, and I am confident in her future success.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL
DEBT**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 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 \$18,151,893,254,765.19. We've added \$7,525,016,205,852.11 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.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE COUNTRY
DAY SCHOOL OF THE SACRED
HEART**HON. PATRICK MEEHAN**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark the 150th Anniversary of the Country Day School of the Sacred Heart in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania.

Today, the school remains committed to the philosophy envisioned by St. Madeline Sophie Barat, founder of the Sacred Heart school network, to provide young women with a challenging education, develop their faith, and promote a desire to help others.

The Country Day School of the Sacred Heart has a long tradition of fostering the growth of young women into scholars and leaders. By offering a strong liberal arts program, the Country Day School of the Sacred Heart has helped many young women reach their personal and scholastic potential. Students are able to develop academically, personally, spiritually and socially through the school's well-rounded curriculum.

I appreciate the dedication of the staff members who work around the clock to educate and guide the students. Their persistence has empowered generations of young women, helping them attain the skills and character to become the leaders that St. Madeline Sophie Barat imagined.

Mr. Speaker, the Country Day School of the Sacred Heart has been changing the lives of young women for the past 150 years. I congratulate the school and look forward to seeing the excellent work it will continue to do in the years to come.

TRIBUTE TO EMILY DOOLEY

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Emily Dooley of Madison County, Iowa, for qualifying for the National Junior High Rodeo Finals in the pole bending event.

Each summer, approximately 1,000 youth competitors from across the country qualify to compete for scholarships and prizes at the National Junior High Rodeo Finals. I commend Emily for her hard work and dedication to achieving her goals. She is a phenomenal young role model for others who are aspiring to compete in this prestigious national event.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I represent Iowans like Emily in the United States House of Representatives. I invite my colleagues to join me in congratulating Emily on a job well done, and wishing her nothing but continued success.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. RINIA SHELBY-CROOMS

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, if there are three core qualities that make an exemplary public servant, they might be the following: integrity, energy, and compassion. Mrs. Rinia Shelby-Crooms, who is leaving my office after 13 years of extraordinary service, uniquely embodies each of these qualities.

Rinia is a woman of undeniable integrity. Her commitment to her family, her faith, and her focus on building a better world animate her to excellence in the workplace and be-

yond. Whether it's conducting legislative research to protect America's endangered honeybees or juggling a dozen or more urgent scheduling requests over the course of an afternoon, Rinia has always emphasized quality, honesty, and care in each and every one of her undertakings.

Rinia also possesses incredible energy. While caring for two precious young boys, she has written legislation, organized Congressional briefings, counseled and cared for her fellow staffers, managed my often hectic schedule, and ensured my timeliness in arriving at speaking engagements and on airplanes. She maintains an upbeat attitude and focused attention—even when called upon for complicated logistical requests in the wee hours of the morning.

Rinia is driven by deep compassion. Through her legislative portfolio, she has worked toward achieving progress in the areas most aligned with her life's mission: ensuring that foster children have access to safe and loving homes, guaranteeing Americans high-quality food, and defending the rights of Mother Nature. Rinia embodies compassion both big and small. She's not only committed to large-scale change in order to support and protect people and the planet, but also committed to showing the utmost care and kindness to the people she encounters each and every day.

I am indebted to Rinia for her selfless service. But I am also indebted to her husband, Jeremiah, and her two young sons, Jayden and Jayee, who have also made important sacrifices as Rinia spent long hours, late nights, and weekends in service of our mission of advancing the causes of jobs, justice, and peace.

There is one consolation for me as I bid farewell to Rinia: This is only the beginning of her contributions to Southeast Michigan and to our nation. She and her family are returning to the Detroit Metropolitan Area, so that she can pursue work as a consultant focused on bringing new economic opportunity to our region.

Mr. Speaker, I salute Mrs. Rinia Shelby-Crooms for her 13 years of selfless service. I am deeply moved by her example of integrity, energy, and compassion.

TRIBUTE TO ELI KASAP

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Eli Kasap of the Earlham High School Track Team for winning the class IA Shuttle Hurdle State Championship.

Eli, along with his three teammates, finished the shuttle hurdle race in first place with a time of 1:00.23 at the 2015 Iowa IA State Track and Field Championships. Eli has dedicated his time and talents to achieving a single goal and I commend him for his hard work and determination. This group of young men came together to achieve great success.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by Eli and his teammates demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication and perseverance. I am honored to represent him in the United States Congress. I know all of my colleagues in the

United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Eli on a job well done, and wishing him nothing but continued success in all his future endeavors.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. GARY EASTERLING

HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Gary L. Easterling on his recent election to the Board of Directors at the National Association of Federal Credit Unions (NAFCU).

Since 2007, Mr. Easterling has served as the President and CEO of United Federal Credit Union headquartered in St. Joseph, Michigan. Under his leadership, the credit union has seen its assets more than double. United Federal Credit Union has over \$1.8 billion in assets, serves over 130,000 members, and employs more than 900 people. With more than 32 years of credit union experience, Mr. Easterling will be an incredible federal advocate for credit unions.

Mr. Easterling served previously as CEO of Century Credit Union in Cleveland, Ohio, and with Wright Patt Credit Union in Fairborn, Ohio, where he held leadership roles in almost every functional area. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science from Capital University in Columbus, Ohio, as well as a Master's in Business Administration from Indiana Wesleyan University in Marion, Indiana. He currently serves on NAFCU's Legislative Committee. Mr. Easterling's deep knowledge of legislative and regulatory issues facing credit unions will give him tremendous expertise on the NAFCU Board, especially as the country continues to recover from the financial crisis.

I wish Mr. Easterling the best of luck in his new role on the NAFCU Board and I look forward to working with him in this capacity. I ask that my colleagues join me today in congratulating him on this special achievement.

WELCOME TO SCENIC SUGAR LAND, TEXAS

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my hometown of Sugar Land, Texas for earning a Gold Level Scenic City Certification. Sugar Land residents know full well what a beautiful city we live in, and we are proud that everybody across Texas agrees.

Scenic Texas, a non-profit organization, awarded the Gold Level Scenic City Certification to Sugar Land for the next five years. The organization took note of our City's beautiful landscapes, tree-lined streets, and dedication to cultural arts. This certification further demonstrates Sugar Land's commitment to improving the quality of life for its residents. We are extremely proud of our growing city and are proud to call it home.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second District of Texas, congratulations to the City of Sugar Land. Thank you for keeping our little piece of Texas beautiful.

TRIBUTE TO BRIAN
VANDERHEIDEN

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Brian Vanderheiden of the Earlham High School Track Team for winning the class 1A Shuttle Hurdle State Championship.

Brian, along with his three teammates, finished the shuttle hurdle race in first place with a time of 1:00.23 at the 2015 Iowa 1A State Track and Field Championships. Brian has dedicated his time and talents to achieving a single goal and I commend him for his hard work and determination. This group of young men came together to achieve great success.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by Brian and his teammates demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication and perseverance. I am honored to represent him in the United States Congress. I know all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating him on a job well done, and wishing him nothing but continued success in all his future endeavors.

THE STATE-BASED UNIVERSAL
HEALTH CARE ACT OF 2015

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce legislation that will give states the tools they need to guarantee the health security of their citizens. The State-Based Universal Health Care Act of 2015 establishes a new procedure through which states may apply for a waiver of federal law in order to design and implement single-payer health care systems. This will allow states to achieve universal coverage and control costs by removing greed and inefficiency from the system.

One of the many achievements of the Affordable Care Act is its provisions that grant states the authority to innovate in their health care systems. Under Section 1332 of the law, a state may apply for a State Innovation Waiver that will provide it with control of federal dollars that otherwise would have been spent on premium tax credits and cost-sharing reductions for its residents. Through this waiver, a state may design a system to cover its residents, so long as benefits are at least as comprehensive and affordable as those offered by Qualified Health Plans available on the Exchanges.

However, even with this flexibility, numerous barriers limit states' ability to design true single-payer systems. Existing waivers are narrow in scope, requiring states to seek out imperfect and convoluted solutions to circumvent federal limitations. A sweeping preemption provision in the Employee Retirement Income

Security Act (ERISA) denies states authority to regulate employer-sponsored health plans. And, due to the complexities of our existing federal health programs, it is essentially impossible for a state to design a single benefit package that can be administered simply and efficiently on behalf of all of its residents.

The State-Based Universal Health Care Act removes these barriers. It builds upon the ACA's State Innovation Waiver by offering states new tools that will allow them to truly innovate in health care. Under this legislation, a state may apply for a Universal Health Care Waiver that will grant it authority over federal health care dollars that otherwise would have been spent on the state's residents. To the extent necessary to design a universal system, a state may waive provisions of federal law relating to the following:

The rules governing premium tax credits and cost-sharing reductions, as provided for in existing waiver authority under Section 1332 of the ACA.

Provisions necessary for states to pool funds that otherwise would be spent on behalf of residents enrolled in Medicare, Medicaid, CHIP, TRICARE, and the Federal Employee Health Benefits Program.

ERISA's preemption clause, which currently forbids states from enacting legislation relating to employee health benefit programs.

Any state seeking a Universal Health Care Waiver must design a system that covers substantially all of its residents. The benefits that each citizen receives must be at least as comprehensive and no less affordable than what would have been provided under any federal health programs for which its residents otherwise would have been eligible. Once enacted, the state plan must be publicly administered, and it may not add to the federal deficit.

The Affordable Care Act was a landmark achievement and a strong first step toward achieving health security in this country. However, we still have a tremendous amount of work left to do. The United States spends by far the most per capita on health care, yet we fail to achieve superior outcomes or even guarantee coverage as a basic human right. Insurance companies are a powerful force in our economy, enjoying billions in profits and growing power in the marketplace. Meanwhile, hospitals are consolidating at an astonishing rate, raising new questions about the quality of patient care and the future of medicine. What's more, we have failed to make meaningful efforts to combat the skyrocketing costs of prescription drugs, threatening patient access to treatments and the financial sustainability of the entire system.

As we explore ways to build upon the successes of the ACA, it is critical that we look for creative solutions to the challenges that still exist. Granting states tools to design single-payer systems will help spur necessary innovation, achieve universal coverage, and control costs. It is time to take this next step as we continue to move forward in our historic effort to guarantee the health security of every American.

IN HONOR OF MR. JAMES A.
MCMULLEN, SR.

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to pay tribute to a truly outstanding citizen of our community, Mr. James Allen McMullen, Sr. Mr. McMullen passed away on Sunday, July 26, 2015 at the age of 75 in his home in Columbus, Georgia. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, July 31, 2015 at Beallwood Baptist Church in Columbus, Georgia.

A Georgia man through and through, Mr. McMullen was born in Columbus, Georgia and after graduating from Jordan Vocational High School in Columbus in 1958, he attended Georgia Southwestern College, now Georgia Southwestern State University, in Americus, Georgia. Following his graduation from college, he joined the United States Army and served in Germany.

Upon his return from Europe in 1961, Mr. McMullen began his career in funeral service, graduating from the Dallas Institute of Mortuary Science in Dallas, Texas in 1964. He worked locally for many years and in 1987, he and his family established the McMullen Funeral Home in Columbus.

For more than 50 years, Mr. McMullen served thousands of families in the Columbus area through the difficult time that follows the loss of a loved one. In order to provide the best service he could, Mr. McMullen was a member of Selected Independent Funeral Homes, the Georgia Funeral Directors Association, and the National Funeral Directors Association. Despite battling cancer for the last three years of his life, Mr. McMullen continued to work at the funeral home until a month before his passing. To him, this was not just his job, but an opportunity to serve others at a time when they need it the most.

A member of the Beallwood Baptist Church and the Lions Club for over 40 years, Mr. McMullen proved himself a leader in the community as well as in the workplace. He was named Lion of the Year in 1973, District 18-E governor of Lions International in 1976, and Chairman of the Georgia Sight Conservation Committee. His leadership extended to serving on the Board of Directors of the Georgia Lions Eye Bank and what is now known as the Chick-Fil-A Bowl. He also served for more than 36 years as chairman for the educational trip to Washington sponsored by the Lions Club. This annual trip has carried more than 40,000 fifth- and sixth-graders to the nation's capital, demonstrating once more the grand impact Mr. McMullen had on countless lives.

Dr. Maya Angelou once said, "I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." The people of Columbus will never forget how Mr. McMullen heartened the brokenhearted and consoled the inconsolable. We are once again confronted with the loss of a loved and respected leader in this community, but we are comforted by his great legacy of service, which will endure for years to come.

Mr. McMullen achieved much in his life but none of this would have been possible without

the love and support of his wife of 52 years, Cecille; his children, Allen and Lisa; and his cherished grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me, my wife Vivian, and the Columbus community in honoring Mr. James A. McMullen, Sr. His leadership, wisdom, and skill aided thousands of people during the most difficult of times. Mr. McMullen was a truly outstanding individual and a blessing to the Columbus community. We extend our deepest sympathies to his family, friends and loved ones during this difficult time and we pray that they will be consoled and comforted by an abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks and months ahead.

TRIBUTE TO DEREK HENSLEY

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Derek Hensley of the Earlham High School Track Team for winning the class 1A Shuttle Hurdle State Championship.

Derek, along with his three teammates, finished the shuttle hurdle race in first place with a time of 1:00.23 at the 2015 Iowa IA State Track and Field Championships. Derek has dedicated his time and talents to achieving a single goal and I commend him for his hard work and determination. This group of young men came together to achieve great success.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by Derek and his teammates demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication and perseverance. I am honored to represent him in the United States Congress. I know all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Derek on a job well done, and wishing him nothing but continued success in all his future endeavors.

HONORING THE EXTRAORDINARY
LIFE OF WAYNE TOWNSEND

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a beloved member of the Indiana community, Wayne Townsend. He was a well-known member of the Indiana legislature, an esteemed farmer, and a vigorous supporter of Purdue University. Sadly, Wayne passed away at the age of 89 on July 3, 2015. He will be dearly missed by the Hoosier community, but we will remember him forever through the spectacular legacy he left behind.

A lifelong Hoosier, Wayne was born on his family's farm in Grant County. He started school at Walnut Creek Elementary School and then went to Jefferson Township High School. While his parents did not attend college, they encouraged all six of their children to go to college. Wayne, like his older siblings, attended Purdue University and graduated with a bachelor's degree in Agriculture.

Wayne's professional life reveals his different avenues of interest. A few years after

graduating from Purdue, Wayne entered military service, serving primarily in Washington, D.C. as a special agent in the Counter Intelligence Corps. He stayed in the Army for two years until he returned to his family farm with his wife, Helen. Wayne maintained a hog and grain farm in Blackford County his whole adult life, but he was also heavily involved in Indiana politics. Wayne began his political career when he was elected to the Indiana House of Representatives in 1958. He served in the Indiana House of Representatives for six years, serving on the House Ways and Means Committee, and in 1970 he was elected to the Indiana Senate, where he served on the Senate Finance Committee. In the Senate, he is remembered for being the tie-breaking vote for Indiana to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment in 1977. Wayne was also selected as the Democratic nominee for Governor of Indiana in 1984, and he notably chose a female running mate, which was the first time in state history.

After 16 years in the Indiana Senate, Wayne retired from the legislature and started a new adventure serving on the Board of Trustees for Purdue for 15 years. His commitment to the Boilermakers was evident through his extensive involvement with the university. He served as the Director of the Purdue Research Foundation and sat on the Search Committee tasked with finding a new president when President Steven Beering retired. He was a member of the John Purdue Club for 35 years and a lifetime member of the Purdue Alumni Association. Wayne, an effective advocate for education, was also a Trustee of Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana.

In addition to his commitment to education, he was an active Quaker and served as a member and Trustee of the First Friends Church of Marion for 50 years.

On many occasions, Wayne was recognized for his impressive work. Four different governors from both sides of the aisle named Wayne the prestigious Sagamore of the Wabash. In 2014, he was honored with the Order of the Griffin, the highest honor bestowed by Purdue University. For his skill in farming, he was named a Master Farmer by Indiana Prairie Farmer and a Distinguished Purdue Agriculture Alumnus.

Wayne is survived by his wife, Helen Townsend, children Jay Townsend, Mark Townsend, Lisa McHone, Steve Townsend, and Alan Townsend, eighteen grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. Wayne was a leader in the community who will always be remembered for his dedication to Indiana and the enduring benefits he created. Please join me in thanking Wayne's family for sharing this truly remarkable man with the Hoosier community.

HONORING DR. G. RICHARD OLDS
ON HIS RETIREMENT AS DEAN
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALI-
FORNIA RIVERSIDE SCHOOL OF
MEDICINE

HON. RAUL RUIZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Mr. RUIZ. Mr. Speaker, today I am honored to recognize and congratulate Dr. G. Richard

Olds, Dean of the University of California Riverside School of Medicine, on his retirement.

Dean Olds has led a life of distinguished service as an educator, scientist, physician and founding dean of the UC Riverside School of Medicine. He has served as a full professor of medicine, molecular, and cell and development biology at Brown University, and professor and chairman of medicine at the MetroHealth Campus of Case Western Reserve University. Prior to joining the faculty at UC Riverside, Dean Olds was appointed professor and chair of medicine at the Medical College of Wisconsin. He has been an inspirational leader and adviser to hundreds of graduates. Among his many contributions to higher education, he also served as a tropical disease specialist on the World Health Organization expert committee on schistosomiasis, and has authored over 100 peer-reviewed articles, book chapters, and reviews.

Dean Olds came to UC Riverside to create a School of Medicine—the first public medical school in California in more than four decades. His drive and vision led to a school with the unique and special mission focusing on the needs of the surrounding communities and the future path of community-based, value-based health care. In an effort to address the severe doctor shortage in Inland Southern California, Dean Olds created a medical school that would expand and diversify the physician workforce and serve as a catalyst for improving the health of the community.

UC Riverside School of Medicine is accredited largely in part to Dean Olds. In 2011, the State of California eliminated pledged annual funding for the school, resulting in the denial of accreditation. Dean Olds' unrelenting determination fostered an ambitious year of fundraising and advocacy, in which the medical school raised \$100 million to support the school for over ten years. The school was accredited and the doors opened in fall 2013—the first time in three decades that an American medical school was approved after previously having been denied accreditation.

I am proud to recognize Dean Olds on his years of service and congratulate him on his retirement from UC Riverside School of Medicine. I look forward to his forthcoming accomplishments and future success, wherever he begins his next journey. On behalf of the countless medical students, future doctors, and patients, whose lives you have changed and impacted, thank you for your service.

TRIBUTE TO JACK GENESER

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Jack Geneser of the Earlham High School Track Team for winning the class 1A Shuttle Hurdle State Championship.

Jack, along with his three teammates, finished the shuttle hurdle race in first place with a time of 1:00.23 at the 2015 Iowa 1A State Track and Field Championships. Jack has dedicated his time and talents to achieving a single goal and I commend him for his hard work and determination. This group of young men came together to achieve great success.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by Jack and his teammates demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication and perseverance. I am honored to represent him in the United States Congress. I know all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Jack on a job well done, and wishing him nothing but continued success in all his future endeavors.

IN HONOR OF JOHN F. HEGARTY,
NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF THE
POSTAL MAIL HANDLERS UNION

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of John F. Hegarty, in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the National Postal Mail Handlers Union (NPMHU) and the United States Postal Service (USPS). John retired on May 1, 2015 and has moved back to his beloved Western Massachusetts.

The son of Charles and Ann Marie Hegarty, John was born on January 31, 1955 in Holyoke but grew up on Rupert Street in Springfield, before moving his family to Wilbraham, MA, where he currently resides.

Mr. Speaker, John Hegarty attended Commerce High School. After graduation like many of his contemporaries he sought work. He worked at Titeflex in Springfield and started his union career as a steward (Teamsters Union) representing his fellow workers. John left Titeflex in 1985 when the USPS called and he started his Postal career.

John was National President of the National Postal Mail Handlers Union from July 2002 to his retirement. He was re-elected to that position by acclamation of the delegates to the Union's National Conventions in 2004, 2008, and 2012. In this capacity, John is the chief spokesperson for the NPMHU in national bargaining with the USPS.

For the ten years prior to becoming National President, John served as Administrative Vice President for the General Mail Facility/Bulk Mail Center in Springfield, Massachusetts. He then became President of Local 301 in New England, one of the largest local unions affiliated with the NPMHU, covering six states. In addition, beginning in 1996, he also served on the NPMHU National Executive Board of the NPHMU's parent union, the Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA).

Mr. Speaker, John Hegarty is known for his generous spirit and kind heart. He has had the good fortune to be married to his wife, Constance, for thirty-three years. John and Connie are proud parents of two children, two grandchildren with a third on the way.

Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to join with John Hegarty's family, friends, and contemporaries to thank him for his extraordinary service to the National Postal Mail Handlers and the United States Postal Service.

HONORING THE LIFE OF CAPT.
RICHARD "DICK" CURRIER

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the life of retired Navy Captain Richard "Dick" Currier, the commanding officer who oversaw the construction of what was known then as Naval Submarine Support Base Kings Bay.

Captain Currier spent most of his Navy career in the submarine service during the transition from diesel to nuclear-powered submarines. He joined the Navy in 1954 and served upon four surface ships before becoming a submariner. As his first sea duty, Captain Currier served aboard the diesel powered submarine USS *Grampus*. After that tour of duty, he was sent to nuclear power school and was assigned to the nuclear submarine USS *Scorpion*. Five more submarine assignments followed, three of which he served as the commanding officer.

Captain Currier's last duty assignment started in 1983 as the commanding officer of Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay in St. Marys, Georgia. At the time of his arrival, only 100 people were assigned to the base. Kings Bay's pier was still under construction, a majority of roads were unpaved, and most buildings were still in the planning stages. Under Captain Currier's leadership Kings Bay developed into the Navy gem of Georgia's Golden Isles.

Captain Currier retired after 34 years of service and continued to be active in the St. Marys community where he served on the board of directors for the St. Mary's Submarine Museum among other roles.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize the service and life of Captain Richard "Dick" Currier, a pioneer of Kings Bay who will always be remembered.

TRIBUTE TO JHETT WILLIAMS

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Jhett Williams of Madison County, Iowa, for qualifying for the National Junior High Rodeo Finals in breakaway roping, team roping, and chute dogging.

Each summer, approximately 1,000 youth competitors from across the country qualify to compete for scholarships and prizes at the National Junior High Rodeo Finals. I commend Jhett for his hard work and dedication to achieving his goals. He is a phenomenal young role model for others who are aspiring to compete in this prestigious national event.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I represent Iowans like Jhett in the U.S. House of Representatives. I invite my colleagues to join me in congratulating Jhett on a job well done, and wishing him nothing but continued success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROD BLUM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Mr. BLUM. Mr. Speaker, on roll call no. 469, my flight was delayed due to inclement weather.

Had I been present, I would have voted yes.

TRIBUTE TO ANITA LYONS BOND,
PH.D.

HON. WM. LACY CLAY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a remarkable woman and long-time civic icon in St. Louis, Missouri, who has set a standard of excellence in academics, educational reform, social justice, community leadership and personal courage, Dr. Anita Lyons Bond.

Anita Lyons Bond has been making history for decades. As the first African American student to graduate with Latin Honors from Saint Louis University in 1949, she has devoted her life to opening up the doors of equal educational opportunity to all, especially those students in urban areas who are still striving to overcome difficult circumstances and persistent academic disparities.

In May of this year, as she presented an honorary doctorate to Mrs. Bond, Saint Louis University trustee Martha Uhlhorn recognized her "extraordinary determination, her exemplary character, her exceptional commitment to education, her concerns for others, her fearless focus on social justice and her desire to provide equal access to education for all students."

In 1965, Mrs. Bond challenged the Missouri Board of Education's elections. Her lawsuit, contending civil rights violations, went to the Missouri Supreme Court and ultimately resulted in changes in election procedures. Later that year, the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis honored her with the Argus Distinguished Public Service Award for her service to the city as a leader in education and in the community.

Mrs. Bond established the Citizens Education Task Force, an organization funded through the Danforth Foundation that functioned as an independent critical body of the Board of Education.

In 1974, she became president of the St. Louis Board of Education. She served the board in various roles and was instrumental in the Board of Education and the Higher Educational Council establishing Harris-Stowe as a state college, rather than a secondary school.

In 1981, U.S. District Judge James Meredith appointed her to serve on the committee that wrote the St. Louis public school desegregation plan. She also served on the boards of the YMCA, NAACP, Urban League, United Negro College Fund and others. The NAACP named her one of the "Most Outstanding St. Louisans."

Mrs. Bond has also served as a delegate to the U.S. Civil Rights Commission and is a nationally recognized educational expert in special techniques of speech correction for the culturally disadvantaged.

I have known Mrs. Bond, her late husband (the remarkable Dr. Leslie Bond), and her wonderful family since my earliest days growing up in St. Louis. Both she and her husband stood shoulder-to-shoulder with my father, former Congressman Bill Clay, as he led the historic Jefferson Bank protests which broke down the walls of segregation in our city.

Mr. Speaker, I urge Members of Congress to join me in honoring this great American who has helped so many and continues to inspire us to have courage, to work towards transformative change, and to confront injustice and inequality wherever it exists.

TRIBUTE TO THE ATTACK 121
VOLLEYBALL TEAM

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Attack 121 Volleyball Team of Council Bluffs, Iowa, for qualifying for the USA Volleyball Junior National Tournament. The competition began June 27th and ran through June 30th.

This team dedicated their time and talents to achieving a single goal and I commend them for their hard work and determination. They were able to come together to achieve great success.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this group of young Iowans demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication and perseverance. I am honored to represent them in the United States Congress. I know all of my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives join me in congratulating the Attack 121 volleyball team on a job well done, and wishing them nothing but continued success as they continue their volleyball careers.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROD BLUM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Mr. BLUM. Mr. Speaker, on roll call no. 468; my flight was delayed due to inclement weather. Had I been present, I would have voted yes.

HONORING TURLOCK CITY FIRE
DEPARTMENT CHIEF TIM LOHMAN

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor Turlock City Fire Department Chief Tim Lohman, who announced his retirement after serving 35 years in the fire service.

Since the beginning of his career, Tim Lohman has always been dedicated to the Turlock City Fire Department. On July 1, 1980, he took his first step into the Department by becoming a Volunteer Firefighter. After only three years of hard work and perseverance, Tim Lohman succeeded in becoming a full-time Firefighter for the City of Turlock. There he worked at all levels of the department including Fire Engineer, Fire Captain, Battalion Chief, Division Chief of Training, and Division Chief of Operations. On account of his commitment, professionalism, and integrity he had demonstrated throughout the years, Tim Lohman was awarded the high rank of Fire Chief four years ago.

Response times and personnel safety are a priority to Chief Lohman, and during his tenure as Fire Chief, he ensured many technological advances to the Turlock City Fire Department to achieve this goal. He oversaw the installation of Mobile Data Computers to each fire engine, which provided the crews with the most recent advances in mapping systems and programs. Furthermore, Chief Lohman oversaw the implementation of the 911 system and other additions that changed the landscape of emergency service response for the Fire Department.

Serving as a Firefighter was not the only calling for Chief Lohman, as he owns and operates his own almond farm in Ballico, California. In 1989, he purchased the 28 acre parcel from his grandparents, and has been growing and harvesting the land ever since. Chief Lohman has been familiar with the almond industry for some time, but will be experiencing a new challenge after his retirement from the Turlock City Fire Department. He will be beginning a new career as Chief Executive Officer with the almond cooperative Northern Merced Hulling Association. Chief Lohman's vast experience and leadership will ensure he thrives in his imminent position.

Chief Lohman has been recognized by colleagues with many awards and accolades. He is well respected by his community and fellow firefighters.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring and commending the outstanding contributions made to fire service and the City of Turlock by Turlock City Fire Department Chief Tim Lohman and hereby wish him continued success in his future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE CAREER OF CURTIS M. GRAVES

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the distinguished public service career of Curtis M. Graves.

Mr. Graves was one of the first African Americans elected to the Texas House of Representatives since the turn of the 20th century. A Democrat and political contemporary of Barbara Jordan, Mr. Graves served in the Texas legislature from 1967 to 1973, where he championed progressive legislation on issues ranging from gun control to criminal justice reform. Mr. Graves also spent many years actively participating in the Civil Rights

Movement, fighting for equal rights of all Americans.

Mr. Graves was born August 26, 1938 in New Orleans, Louisiana. He is an alumnus of Texas Southern University and Princeton University. After serving in the Texas House of Representatives, Mr. Graves had a thirty year career at the National Aeronautic and Space Administration—first in NASA's Academic Affairs Division and ultimately as its Director for Civil Affairs.

On behalf of the people of Maryland's Eighth Congressional District, and in anticipation of his seventy-seventh birthday on August 26, 2015, I would like to thank Curtis M. Graves for his lifelong career of public service and for his many contributions to our nation. I wish him and his family all the best in the years to come.

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES TO
THE VICTIMS OF THE SENSELESS SHOOTING IN LAFAYETTE,
LOUISIANA

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise to speak out against the loss of innocent lives that resulted from yet another unimaginable act of violence in our great country.

I humbly ask the House to observe a moment of silence for the victims of the horrific tragedy that occurred in a movie theater in Lafayette, Louisiana, on July 23, 2015.

My thoughts and prayers are with these victims, the families, and the friends of those who lost loved ones in this horrific shooting.

From current reports, we know that the gunman unloaded over 13 rounds into the crowd at the movie theater late Thursday night.

The gunman inexplicably began his rampage by firing shots into the seats directly in front of him, and then took his own life.

His actions claimed the lives of two young women, Mayci Breaux and Jillian Johnson, and injured nine others at the Grand Multiplex Theater in Lafayette, Louisiana.

I want to commend the rapid response by the law enforcement personnel that arrived at the scene and acted with courage and skill, likely preventing any further loss of innocent lives.

Individuals who have a history of mental instability, as did this shooter, should never be allowed to possess a firearm.

This is why my colleagues and I co-sponsored, H.R. 226, the "Keeping Guns from High Risk Individuals Act", which prevents individuals with a history of mental illness from gaining access to firearms.

Tragic events such as this should not be a part of the American culture.

Yet, in 2015 alone, we have had 204 mass shootings where innocent lives have been senselessly taken from our communities.

No American should ever have to experience fear and violence when they are stepping out into their communities to participate in activities, such as going to the movies or attending a faith meeting.

Americans have proven time and time again that we are capable of tackling the tough issues that face our nation and culture.

Violent acts such as this highlight the need for serious and positive reforms to help enhance public safety.

Congress needs to work with the President to develop and enact sensible gun violence prevention legislation.

We cannot give up, no matter the obstacles placed before us.

We can no longer be complacent or passive; we need to enact policies that could save lives.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask, how many more lives and incidents will it take before Congress acts to take on this pressing issue?

Are not the shootings in Aurora, Colorado; Sandy Hook, Connecticut; Charleston, South Carolina; Tucson, Arizona; Blacksburg, Virginia; and Chattanooga, Tennessee, or any of the other 200 mass shootings across the nation, enough to spur us to act?

Mr. Speaker, it does not have to be this way; there are many actions we can take to reduce gun violence in America.

All we have to do is summon the will.

HONORING KRISTIN WELSH-SIMPSON

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of this great institution and those who serve and work here to acknowledge and express appreciation to one of our long-tenured House employees, Kristin Welsh-Simpson—a Senior Employee Assistance Counselor with the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)—who is departing the House following her fifteen years of service in the Office of Employee Assistance (OEA).

Kristin first came to the House in 1996 as a graduate student intern in the Office of Employee Assistance as part of her graduate studies at the National Catholic School of Social Services, at The Catholic University of America. Following the awarding of her Master's Degree in Social Work, she took a position in the private sector as an Employee Assistance Account Manager for an international EAP provider, and oversaw the employee assistance service contract for a large global health products company. Fortunately for the House, the CAO and OEA were able to permanently hire her in 2000 when she joined the Office of Employee Assistance as an Employee Assistance Counselor.

Almost immediately, Kristin began applying her special case management and organizational skills in service to the Members and employees of the House, the Congressional Budget Office and the United States Capitol Police. She has worked diligently and tirelessly to assist managers and employees in addressing the myriad of personal challenges, mental health and addiction problems, and other behavioral and work-life balance issues that potentially impact the performance and productivity of our workforce. With barely a year of service under her belt, Kristin and her OEA colleagues found themselves in the uncharted territory of assisting House Leadership, Members, Officers, and employees through the emotional turmoil and psychological recovery following September 11th and

the anthrax crisis in October 2001. Specifically, she was part of both the OEA team's response to the emotional and psychological support needs of individual employees and work groups, and the CAO's larger communications effort managed by the (OEA). She served with the OEA as the critical informational link to the House workforce throughout the six weeks in which sections of the House campus were closed—keeping employees and families informed of the status of the remediation efforts and the staggered opening of offices as well as the availability of House services as sections of the House buildings were cleared for occupancy and resumption of operations. Unfortunately, with the realities of our world, these were not to be the only crises that Kristin and the employee assistance team would be called upon to assist us with and support us through. Kristin's skills and capabilities would be particularly helpful following the tragic shootings in Tucson in January 2011, beginning with her on-site support and assistance within hours of the incident.

In addition to being on the front lines in providing the support and services of the Office of Employee Assistance team to the House, CBO and Capitol Police communities in the aftermath of some of the most troubling events of the past fifteen years, Kristin has established a reputation as a go-to person. Kristin has been sought out for her day-to-day work in consulting with and coaching Members, managers and employees to assist them with the challenges presented when an employee's personal issues impact their performance or the effectiveness of the office. It is on this level that I personally became familiar with Kristin and her tremendous work ethic, insights and capabilities. She has worked with me and my staff for several years, helping to plan and facilitate our annual staff retreat and to incorporate some critical staff development into the process.

Whether providing the OEA's critical assessment, referral and follow-up services to an employee in crisis, consulting with a Member or Chief of Staff on strategies to effectively integrate communications and team development into an annual staff retreat, or conducting a training session for the general House workforce, Kristin has consistently brought compassion, competence, organizational insight, institutional sensitivity, and practical solutions to her work. It seems fitting that one of Kristin's major responsibilities in the Office of Employee Assistance this past year was serving as the office's Intern Field Placement Instructor for a graduate student from Catholic University—somewhat bringing her career with the House full circle.

As Kristin departs the House to assume the position of Employee Assistance Director for the United States Senate, I regret the House's loss but take comfort in knowing that the Congress will continue to benefit from her knowledge and experience. I join the Chief Administrative Officer, Ed Cassidy; the CAO's Acting Chief Human Resource Officer, Darnell Lee; and the entire OEA team—Bernard Beidel, Liz McBride-Chambers, Margot Hawkins-Green, and Paul Tewksbury—in thanking Kristin for her service to the Office of Employee Assistance and the House, and in wishing her well and much success as her employee assistance career takes her to new challenges and opportunities. As someone who has personally benefited from the assistance and support she

has provided my staff and office, I am confident I speak for the many Members, employees and family members she has helped, assisted and supported over the past fifteen years. Well done and Godspeed, Kristin.

TRIBUTE TO TOM McMAHON

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Tom McMahon of Fairfield, Iowa, for receiving the 2015 Leadership for Iowa Award from the Iowa Association of Business and Industry Foundation.

Each year, the Iowa Association of Business and Industry Foundation selects one distinguished recipient to receive the Leadership for Iowa Award. The individual selected for this award must display a willingness and commitment in serving Iowa. They must also have occupied a leadership position in civic or professional organizations as well as displayed a knack for leading others on a wide-range of issues.

Tom was granted this prestigious award because of his involvement and leadership in his community. He demonstrated his willingness to serve through his time as a volunteer for Leadership Iowa, Leadership Iowa University and Business Horizons, along with his tenure on the ABI Board of Directors. Tom's commitment to mentoring future business leaders truly embodies our Iowa values.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor to represent Iowans like Tom in the United States Congress, and I applaud him for his commitment to service and giving back to the community. I know my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating him for receiving this award. I wish him all the best moving forward.

IN RECOGNITION OF TOM JAWETZ AND HIS SERVICE TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I, along with Representative ZOE LOFGREN of California, would like to thank Tom Jawetz for more than six years of service to the House of Representatives. Throughout this time, Tom has served as a dedicated counsel to the Judiciary Committee under three Chairmen, including myself, Representative LAMAR SMITH, and Representative BOB GOODLATTE. For the past year, he has served as the Minority Chief Counsel to the Judiciary's Committee's Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security.

A native of New York City, Tom graduated summa cum laude from Dartmouth College with a bachelor's degree in Philosophy and Government. Tom developed a passion for working with low-income communities through an AmeriCorps fellowship in Charleston, South Carolina. As an AmeriCorps fellow, Tom

worked with community members and witnessed the myriad challenges faced by those suffering from chronic poverty. Tom took his passion for working with the disadvantaged to Yale Law School where he served as a student clerk in the Complex Federal Litigation Clinic and a Student Director in the Immigration Legal Services Clinic.

After graduating from Yale Law School, Tom clerked for the Honorable Kimba M. Wood in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York. He continued his immigration advocacy as an Arthur Liman Public Interest Fellow at the Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs where he represented asylum seekers and designed pro se programs for immigrants in removal proceedings.

In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, Tom began working with the National Prison Project of the American Civil Liberties Union. As a litigation fellow with the National Prison Project, Tom helped to produce a groundbreaking comprehensive report condemning the belated evacuation of the Orleans Parish Prison. Tom combined his experience investigating prison abuse in New Orleans with his immigration expertise when he was hired to be the Immigration Detention Staff Attorney for the National Prison Project. In that role, Tom raised attention and awareness to the deficient and abusive medical care practices in immigrant detention and assisted Francisco Castaneda in a landmark case of medical abuse in detention. Tom testified honorably before the Judiciary Committee on two occasions, once accompanied by two of his clients who shared their stories in an effort to improve conditions of confinement.

As counsel for the Judiciary Committee, Tom worked tirelessly to provide assistance to members and staff. He was always available for legal analysis, advice and good conversation. Tom was known to many members and staff as a leader on all things relating to immigration. Tom developed a reputation for being dependable and easily approachable. His energetic disposition and positive attitude were always appreciated by Members and staff on both sides of the aisle.

Tom played an important role in Comprehensive Immigration Reform negotiations, the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act, issues concerning the surge of unaccompanied children and families at the Southern border and enactment of several private immigration bills. Tom's absence will be felt on matters pertaining to immigration law and policy, but we are pleased to know that he will continue his efforts as the Vice President of Immigration Policy for the Center of American Progress.

Mr. Speaker, we applaud Tom's tireless, principled and loyal public service to the U.S. House of Representatives and the American people wish him every success in his future endeavors.

MRS. UNITED STATES 2015

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Pearland's Katie Garza for being crowned Mrs. United States 2015.

Mrs. Garza truly encompasses the qualities of this competition. She is an intelligent wife, mother, and professional and beautiful on the inside and out. During her reign as Mrs. United States, Katie will use her platform to benefit the Pumping for Premies foundation. Her foundation helps save the lives of premature infants by providing donor milk to mothers who are unable to provide breast milk. As a mother to three premature children, this cause is near and dear to Katie's heart. We are proud of Katie for highlighting her personal cause on the national stage. She is an excellent role model who represents Pearland well.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Katie Garza for being crowned Mrs. United States 2015.

PRATT & WHITNEY 90TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Pratt & Whitney on their 90th anniversary. Back in my home state of Georgia, this American company has six major facilities, employing more than 2,000 Georgians. In my district in Middle and Southwest Georgia alone, Pratt & Whitney employs over 1,000 employees at their Engine Center in Columbus.

I remember the tour I took of Pratt & Whitney's Columbus Engine Center to get a firsthand account of the plant's operation and how it impacts the local economy. From what I could see, Pratt & Whitney's employees truly take customer service to a new level. For almost 30 years, Pratt & Whitney has been a driving force for job creation in the Columbus community, and have become good corporate citizens.

Mr. Speaker, I have said it before and I will say it again, Congress' first, second, and third priority must be job creation, as it is a crucial part to our continued economic recovery. For the past 90 years, Pratt & Whitney has also been focused on creating good jobs in Columbus and throughout the nation, and have succeeded through producing dependable engines and supporting great communities.

I congratulate Pratt & Whitney on this auspicious occasion.

RECOGNIZING THE SESQUICENTEN-
NIAL ANNIVERSARY OF ANDER-
SON, INDIANA

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the incorporation of the city of Anderson, Indiana. Anderson has played an integral role in the industrial development of Indiana and Hoosiers from every part of the state are thankful for the contributions of the men and women of Anderson.

The city of Anderson is celebrating 150 years, but the history of Anderson dates back further. Chief William Anderson of the Delaware tribe first settled in the area, giving it the name Anderson Town. Eventually the name was shortened to Anderson and in 1865, it was officially incorporated.

From its early origins, Anderson has been a model for other cities and towns to follow, through its continued dedication to building a welcoming community for residents and visitors alike. In the years since its first mayor, Robert Williams, who served from 1865–1866, Anderson has developed into a lively and thriving community, serving as a home for generations to families, businesses, professionals, churches, schools, and other organizations.

In 1887, the city saw a great influx in business due to the discovery of natural gas. This discovery is responsible for the initial spike in automotive, electric, and other manufacturing companies to settle in Anderson, most notably Delco Remy and Guide Lamp. Despite the downturn in the automotive industry in past decades, the city has exhibited resilience and welcomed new businesses such as, Nestle, Xerox, Greenville Technologies, Inc., Keihin North America, and Sirmax, to name only a few. In addition to its industries, the city is home to the Paramount Theatre, Mounds State Park, Anderson University, and Hoosier Park Racing & Casino.

Anderson, with all of its industry and attractions, is nothing without the people. The citizens have a clear passion and love for their city. I am proud to represent such an amazing city, one with a history of growth and prosperity as well as the promise of a prosperous future. Please join me in celebrating the sesquicentennial anniversary of the incorporation of the great city of Anderson, Indiana.

HONORING MS. GLORIA MARGARITA RODRIGUEZ ON THE OCCASION OF HER NEW POSITION AS A REPORTER FOR ABC 11 WTVD

HON. RAUL RUIZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Mr. RUIZ. Mr. Speaker, today I am honored to recognize Ms. Gloria Margarita Rodriguez on her new position as a reporter for WTVD in Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina.

A native to the Coachella Valley, Ms. Rodriguez has served the community as KMIR Anchor, Reporter, and Producer for over 9 years. She has used her talent to cover several nationally recognized local events such as the Humana Challenge, Palm Springs International Film Festival, and the BNP Paribas Open. Additionally, she has interviewed celebrities and politicians, reported on numerous wildfires, and covered President Gerald Ford's death and state funeral. Ms. Rodriguez has used her reporting to shed light on important issues including working conditions of migrant workers, living conditions at Thermal mobile home parks, immigration at the U.S.-Mexico border, and LGBT equality rights.

After completing high school at Cathedral City, Ms. Rodriguez received her bachelor's degree in broadcast journalism and political

science from the University of Southern California. She completed her master's degree program at the Columbia University School of Journalism in New York City, and then worked as a reporter for KNWA in Arkansas. She has written articles for The New York Times, The Boston Globe, the St. Paul Pioneer Press, and The Desert Sun. She returned to the desert in 2006, working as a weekend anchor and field reporter for KMIR/KPSE-TV. Most recently she has been the co-anchor of KMIR's two-hour Today Show.

In addition to her many contributions to journalism, Ms. Rodriguez has been a passionate advocate for access to higher education. Serving as both Executive Director with the Reynaldo J. Carreon Foundation and professor of media and public relations at the College of the Desert, she has been a strong voice, inspiring and empowering students to pursue and complete undergraduate degrees. In October 2010, Ms. Rodriguez was named one of Palm Spring Life's "40 Under 40" for contributions to the community.

Ms. Rodriguez will be reporting in one of the top 25 media markets in the country in her new position at WTVD, bringing her integrity and advocacy to an even larger audience. I am proud to recognize Ms. Rodriguez's contributions to Coachella Valley, and I look forward to her success and accomplishments at WTVD.

**CELEBRATING CONGREGATION
MICKVE ISRAEL'S 282ND ANNI-
VERSARY**

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to celebrate the 282nd Anniversary of Congregation Mickve Israel, the third oldest Jewish Congregation in the United States of America, and the grand opening of their Lawrence and Nancy Gutstein Museum.

Five months after General James Oglethorpe founded the Georgia colony in 1733, Jewish refugees from the Iberian Peninsula landed in Savannah. These refugees started the Congregation Mickve Israel which has met in various locations ever since. The congregation is still operating under the same charter which they received from Governor Edward Telfair in 1790. Using primary sources, the diaries of one of the first settlers and minute books from 1790–1851, a carefully constructed exhibit ties Mickve Israel and its members to events in Jewish history, in the life of the Savannah community, the country, and the world.

The new museum tells the Congregation's story through the American Revolution, the Civil War and today. Some of the artifacts on display include the oldest Torah scrolls in the United States from the 15th century, a scale model of the ship, William and Sarah, which brought over the founding members of the Congregation, and copies of letters written by Thomas Jefferson and James Madison. Others include contributions of its members with

the early Girl Scout movement as well as leadership in the civic and cultural life of Savannah.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to join the Savannah community in celebration of the opening of Congregation Mickve Israel's new museum and their 282nd Anniversary.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROD BLUM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Mr. BLUM. Mr. Speaker, on roll call no. 467; my flight was delayed due to inclement weather. Had I been present, I would have voted yes.

FINANCIAL NET WORTH

HON. F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, through the following statement, I am making my financial net worth as of March 31, 2015, a matter of public record. I have filed similar statements for each of the thirty-six preceding years I have served in the Congress.

ASSETS

REAL PROPERTY

Single family residence at 609 Ft. Williams Parkway, City of Alexandria, Virginia, at assessed valuation. (Assessed at \$1,372,549). Ratio of assessed to market value: 100% (Unencumbered): \$1,372,549.00.

Condominium at N76 W14726 North Point Drive, Village of Menomonee Falls, Waukesha County, Wisconsin, at assessor's estimated market value. (Unencumbered): \$136,600.00.

Undivided 25/44ths interest in single family Residence at N52 W32654 Maple Lane, Village of Chenequa, Waukesha County, Wisconsin, at 25/44ths of assessor's estimated market value of \$1,552,500: \$882,102.27.

Total real property: \$2,391,251.27.

Common & preferred stock	# of shares	\$ per share	Value
Abbott Laboratories, Inc.	12200	46.33	\$565,226.00
AbbVie Inc.	10980	58.54	642,769.20
Alcatel-Lucent	135	3.73	503.55
Allstate Corporation	370	71.17	26,332.90
AT & T	7275	32.65	237,528.75
JP Morgan Chase	4539	60.58	274,972.62
Benton County Mining Company	333	0.00	0.00
BP PLC	3604	39.11	140,952.44
Centerpoint Energy	300	20.21	6,063.00
Chenequa Country Club Realty Co.	1	0.00	0.00
Comcast	634	56.47	35,801.98
Darden Restaurants, Inc. ...	2160	69.34	149,774.40
Discover Financial Services	156	56.35	8,790.60
Dun & Bradstreet, Inc.	1250	128.36	160,450.00
E.I. DuPont de Nemours Corp.	1200	71.47	85,764.00
Eastman Chemical Co.	540	69.26	37,400.40
Exxon Mobil Corp.	9728	85.00	826,880.00
Frontier Comm.	591	7.05	4,166.55
Gartner Inc.	651	83.85	54,586.35
General Electric Co.	15600	24.81	387,036.00
General Mills, Inc.	5760	56.60	326,016.00
NRG Energy	28	25.19	705.32
Hospira	1220	87.84	107,164.80
Imation Corp.	99	4.03	398.97
Kellogg Corp.	3200	65.95	211,040.00
3M Company	2000	164.95	329,900.00

Common & preferred stock	# of shares	\$ per share	Value
Express Scripts	6656	86.77	577,541.12
Monsanto Company	2852,315	112.54	320,999.53
Moody's	5000	103.80	519,000.00
Morgan Stanley	312	35.69	11,135.28
NCR Corp.	68	29.51	2,006.68
Newell Rubbermaid	1676	39.07	65,481.32
PG & E Corp.	175	53.07	9,287.25
Pfizer	30415	34.79	1,058,137.85
Century Link	95	34.55	3,282.25
Tenneco Inc.	182	57.42	10,450.44
Unisys Corp.	16	23.21	371.36
US Bancorp	3081	43.67	134,547.27
Verizon	1918	48.63	93,272.34
Vodafone Group PLC	323	32.68	10,555.64
WEC Energy (Wisconsin Energy)	2044	49.50	101,178.00

Total common & preferred stocks & bonds \$7,537,470.16

Life insurance policies	Face \$	Surrender \$
Northwestern Mutual #00	12,000.00	\$119,406.33
Northwestern Mutual #61	30,000.00	287,297.39
Massachusetts Mutual #75	10,000.00	17,203.64
Massachusetts Mutual #44	100,000.00	459,747.68
American General Life Ins. #59L ..	175,000.00	42,067.21
Total life insurance policies		\$925,722.25

Bank & IRA accounts	Balance
JP Morgan Chase Bank, checking account	\$51,830.86
JP Morgan Chase Bank, savings account	18,675.76
M&I Bank, checking account	6,112.65
Burke & Herbert Bank, Alexandria, VA, checking account	4,034.78
JP Morgan, IRA accounts	153,919.18
Total bank & IRA Accounts	\$230,573.23

Miscellaneous	Value
2009 Ford Taurus	\$8,002.00
2013 Ford Taurus	18,837.00
1996 Buick Regal	1,529.00
Office furniture & equipment (estimated)	1,000.00
Furniture, clothing & personal property (estimated)	180,000.00
Stamp collection (estimated)	190,000.00
Deposits in Congressional Retirement Fund	236,488.14
Deposits in Federal Thrift Savings Plan	527,709.81
Traveler's checks	7,800.00
17 ft. Boston Whaler boat & 70 hp Johnson outboard motor (estimated)	4,500.00
20 ft. Pontoon boat & 40 hp Mercury outboard motor (estimated)	7,500.00
Total miscellaneous	\$1,183,365.95
Total assets	\$12,268,382.86

Liabilities: None.
Total liabilities: \$0.00.
Net worth: \$12,268,382.86.

STATEMENT OF 2014 TAXES PAID

Federal Income Tax	\$154,822.00
Wisconsin Income Tax	43,951.00
Menomonee Falls, WI Property Tax	2,321.00
Chenequa, WI Property Tax	21,036.00
Alexandria, VA Property Tax	14,381.00

I further declare that I am trustee of a trust established under the will of my late father, Frank James Sensenbrenner, Sr., for the benefit of my sister, Margaret A. Sensenbrenner, and of my two sons, F. James Sensenbrenner, III, and Robert Alan Sensenbrenner. I am further the direct beneficiary of five trusts, but have no control over the assets of either trust. My wife, Cheryl Warren Sensenbrenner, and I are trustees of separate trusts established for the benefit of each son.

Also, I am neither an officer nor a director of any corporation organized under the laws of the State of Wisconsin or of any other state or foreign country.

F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.,
Member of Congress.