

a constant reminder of the ultimate price we pay when diplomacy fails or, worse, isn't attempted. As Guam's representative to Congress, I have a responsibility to my constituents to use my best judgment and to do what is necessary to avoid putting their lives at risk when there are other options to solve serious geopolitical challenges.

As Congress debates the JCPOA, it is important to recognize that the effort to halt Iran's effort to obtain nuclear weapons was not a unilateral effort by the United States but rather a multilateral effort with other countries holding a vested interest in a nuclear-free Iran. To believe that these countries will agree to renegotiate the agreement ignores the political realities of the P5+1 countries. If Congress votes to reject this agreement, it would impede our ability to promote nuclear nonproliferation in the Middle East, and there are no guarantees that other nations, such as China and Russia, would continue to impose economic sanctions on Iran. This past weekend, regarding the other nations, former Secretary of State Colin Powell stated, ". . . they're all going to be moving forward. We're going to be standing in the sidelines." The United States does not belong on the sidelines. We must recognize the political realities of this deal regardless of whether it is perfect or not. It is folly to believe that a better deal is out there if we reject the JCPOA.

As the representative of the people of Guam, I understand the dangers when hostile nations are able to obtain nuclear weapons; my constituents live under threat that North Korea could develop nuclear weapons that directly threatens our island. While there are flaws in the agreement that was reached in 1994 with North Korea, I believe it is important that we give this deal a chance to be implemented. Though we always reserve the right to defend our nation, our allies, and our interests, our values dictate that the United States does not have to lead with the sword. Diplomacy is always preferable to a military solution. However, Secretary of Defense Ash Carter noted that military options remain viable should Iran violate the agreement. He wrote, ". . . nothing in the Iran deal constrains the U.S. Defense Department in any way or its ability to carry out such a mission."

I have reviewed the agreement and have been briefed by Secretary of State John Kerry and Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz, who led the U.S. negotiating team. I find their explanations of the agreement's details and arguments in favor of its adoption to be compelling. While I cannot vote on the floor of the House of Representatives, it is my responsibility to make my position on an issue of such importance known to my constituents and to our nation. I support the JCPOA and urge my colleagues to reject efforts to play politics with our national security.

HONORING MR. EDWARD F.
MCELROY

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI
OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, September 16, 2015

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 90th birthday of a Chicagoland icon, Mr. Edward F. McElroy. It is my pleasure

to pay homage to a man who has entertained and informed residents of Chicagoland for almost 70 years.

Ed McElroy began his long and storied career in 1946 under the guidance of radio personality Bob Elson. His first opportunity to cover nationwide news and sports came with Eddie Hubbard on the Chesterfield Show for WIND, and in 1950, he joined WJJD, another local station in Chicago.

Over the last 70 years, Mr. McElroy has delivered news to Chicagoland on an incredible variety of platforms and his work continues today. He currently hosts the TV shows Community in Focus and the Ed McElroy Show where he interviews local newsmakers.

Outside of the enduring impact his work in broadcasting has had on the people of Chicago, Ed McElroy also deserves recognition for his outstanding service to his community. Mr. McElroy has always been willing to take time out of his busy schedule for those in need. He has entertained hospitalized veterans and underprivileged children at LaRabida Children's Hospital and he visits schools to teach students about patriotism.

Veterans in particular have benefited from the generosity of Ed McElroy. A veteran himself, Mr. McElroy served our country during World War II in the Army Air Corps and became involved in veterans issues shortly after his service. Among his long list of accolades, he has served as National Commander of the Catholic War Veterans of the United States of America, as well as State Commander for Illinois.

Finally, Ed McElroy has been consistently active with the Chicago Policy Department. His efforts to improve the welfare of Chicago Police Officers and their families have been recognized by police organizations across Chicagoland.

Mr. McElroy, father of three and grandfather of six, has had a hugely successful career and continues to have an impact on the day-to-day lives of Chicago area residents. I ask my colleagues to please join me in celebrating the 90th birthday of Edward F. McElroy.

REMEMBERING ELEANOR BENSON

HON. DAVID SCHWEIKERT

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

Mr. SCHWEIKERT. Mr. Speaker, last week, a woman from my community passed away. Her name was Eleanor Benson. We all have a handful of people who actually impact our lives, and this woman is partially responsible for why I'm behind this microphone. She changed my life. She had a passion and energy that could not be stopped, and she will be dearly missed by our community.

RECOGNIZING DR. CHRISTOPHER
PUTO

HON. BRADLEY BYRNE

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

Mr. BYRNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Christopher P. Puto, who will be

installed as the 37th President of Spring Hill College, the oldest Catholic college in the Southeast, on September 17. Spring Hill College is located in Mobile, Alabama, which is the largest city in Alabama's First Congressional District.

Dr. Puto will be returning to Spring Hill College, where he graduated in 1964 with a degree in economics. He then went on to earn a Master of Business Administration in marketing from the University of Miami followed by a Doctorate in Business Administration from Duke University, my own alma mater.

In 1998, as dean of the McDonough School of Business at Georgetown University, he introduced a new MBA program curriculum and initiated a curriculum redesign for the undergraduate business program. He also created a comprehensive strategic planning process for the school and raised \$80 million in the first three years of a \$150 million capital campaign.

From 2002 to 2014, Dr. Puto served as the dean and the Opus Distinguished Chair in the Opus College of Business at the University of St. Thomas, a Catholic college in Minnesota. At St. Thomas, Dr. Puto designed and introduced the university's first full-time MBA program and first full-time accountancy program.

In addition to his contributions to academia, Dr. Puto has also achieved success through industry and consulting experience. In fact, he started his career as an allied sales manager at Burger King Corporation, where he played a part in developing the "Have It Your Way" advertising campaign.

Mr. Speaker, I am thrilled to welcome Dr. Puto back to Southwest Alabama. Spring Hill College has long been a critical part of the local community, and I look forward to working with Dr. Puto in his new role.

HONORING JONATHAN DYER

HON. STEPHEN LEE FINCHER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

Mr. FINCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Jonathan Dyer who has achieved the Eagle Scout award, a Boy Scout's highest honor. This recognition is well deserved and represents these young men's commitment to public service.

Achieving the status of Eagle Scout is a huge accomplishment, and I commend Mr. Dyer for being a positive role model to young people across our great state and the nation through his commitment to community service.

Once again, congratulations to this young man for his outstanding accomplishment. I am very proud of him and wish him the best in his future endeavors.

CELEBRATING HISPANIC
HERITAGE MONTH

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect and admiration that I rise to celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month and its 2015 theme, Honoring Our Heritage. Building Our Future. The people of the United

States will once again celebrate the histories, cultures, and traditions of our Hispanic American brothers and sisters from September 15, 2015, through October 15, 2015.

Hispanic Heritage Month begins each year on September 15, the anniversary of the independence of five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. Mexico and Chile observe their independence days on September 16 and September 18. Since its inception as National Hispanic Heritage Week in 1968, which later became National Hispanic Heritage Month in 1988, Americans have taken this time to not only pay tribute to the rich culture and traditions of Hispanic Americans, but also to reflect on the numerous contributions they have made that have led to improvements within their communities, and in turn, a better America.

Our nation's success is reliant upon the rich heritage and cultural diversity of its people. Hispanic Heritage Month celebrates the many Hispanic leaders and members of our communities who have added to the prosperity of the United States in every facet of society including medicine, business, arts and entertainment, sports, education, politics, and the military.

Mr. Speaker, at this time, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month. Throughout America's history, present, and future, the Hispanic community has played and continues to play a major role in enriching the quality of life and culture of our great nation, and for their outstanding contributions they are worthy of the highest praise.

IN HONOR OF THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF SEQUOIA NATIONAL PARK AND THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF KINGS CANYON NATIONAL PARK

HON. TOM McCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 125th anniversary of Sequoia National Park, and the 75th anniversary of Kings Canyon National Park. Both of these parks are located in California's Fourth Congressional District, which I have the honor to represent.

Having been established in 1890, Sequoia National Park is the nation's second oldest national park. It was created through the advocacy of nearby San Joaquin Valley residents, who wished to protect the magnificent Giant Sequoias for the enjoyment and inspiration of future generations.

In 1926, the park expanded to include Mount Whitney and the High Sierra backcountry. Today, it encompasses 39 Giant Sequoia groves, accounting for 40 percent of all native Sequoia groves in the world. In one of these groves, the Giant Forest, grows the General Sherman Tree. The General Sherman Tree is considered the largest living tree on earth and estimated to be approximately 2,000 years old.

Kings Canyon National Park was created in 1940 to include the glacially-formed Kings Canyon. It also serves to protect the head-

waters of the Kings River for public recreation and enjoyment. The park features over 60 miles of the Pacific Crest Trail and the John Muir Trail, both of which pass through spectacular alpine scenery.

Together, the parks host over 1.5 million visitors annually, and contribute \$154 million to the local tourism economy. Visitors participate in a variety of outdoor recreation activities, including: hiking, camping, horseback riding, fishing, canoeing, and climbing.

Mr. Speaker, on this notable occasion, I rise to recognize the splendor of Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, which I hope will inspire all Americans to visit and recreate among its natural wonders.

HONORING SHERIFF BILL OLDHAM

HON. STEPHEN LEE FINCHER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

Mr. FINCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my friend, Sheriff Bill Oldham, on being selected as the 2015 Tennessee Sheriff's Association's "Sheriff of the Year." Sheriff Oldham received this prestigious award at the Tennessee Sheriff's Association conference in Sevierville on Friday, July 24, 2015. This award was much deserved and highlights Sheriff Oldham's lifelong dedication to the preservation of safety in the Shelby County community.

A native Memphian, Sheriff Oldham graduated from the Catholic High School for Boys and attended Memphis State University from 1967 to 1970. He advanced to the Memphis Police Academy, where, in 1972, he graduated as a member of the 33rd Session. Upon graduation, Sheriff Oldham began his career as a police officer.

Sheriff Oldham was elected as Secretary and Treasurer of the Memphis Metropolitan Association of Chiefs of Police in 1993, Vice President in 1994, and President of the Association in 1995. He rose as a natural leader through the ranks of the Memphis Police Department, earning Officer of the Year twice, and retired in 2000 as a director. In 2002, he was appointed as Chief Deputy of the Shelby County Sheriff's Office, and then was elected Sheriff of Shelby County in 2010. Sheriff Oldham has served the community on a national scale. In 1991, he was selected by the FBI as a member of the National Law Enforcement Budgeting Advisory Group, and in 1995 he graduated from the 21st Session of the FBI's National Executive Institute.

Sheriff Oldham worked tirelessly on many City, State, and National boards and commissions encompassing credit, education, and corrections. Sheriff Oldham received multiple appointments to correctional committees from Governor Bill Haslam. Sheriff Oldham is an active member of the MMACP, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the Tennessee Sheriff's Association, the National Sheriff's Association, the Major County Sheriff's Association, and is a retired member of the Tennessee Chiefs of Police Association.

The Tennessee Sheriff's Association annually selects a "Sheriff of the Year" who has a dutiful career of dedication to law enforcement encompassed by commitment to public safety and selfless leadership.

On behalf of Tennessee's 8th Congressional District, I congratulate Sheriff Oldham on receiving the Tennessee Sheriff's Association's 2015 "Sheriff of the Year." I wish him the best of luck for all future endeavors.

HONORING CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, SAN BERNARDINO ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. PETE AGUILAR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

Mr. AGUILAR. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor California State University, San Bernardino as it celebrates its 50th anniversary. Established in 1965 as California State College at San Bernardino, the Inland Empire institution opened its doors to less than three hundred students. In 1984, it officially changed its name to California State University, San Bernardino.

From starting with nearly three hundred students in 1965, to educating and empowering more than 20,000 today, Cal State San Bernardino has become an integral part of the San Bernardino community. With bachelor's, master's, and doctoral programs in five colleges, it provides students from all walks of life with endless opportunities. Educating and training our students for our rapidly evolving world is critical for the Inland Empire today and tomorrow.

California State University, San Bernardino has been a powerful economic, social, and cultural force for decades. This can be seen through the thousands of graduates it sends into the workforce each year to the thousands of Inland Empire residents it employs. To date, the University has graduated more than 80,000 people since its establishment, enriching our community and culture with innovative and creative minds that will continue to make the Inland Empire a better place to live and raise a family for generations to come.

As we celebrate its 50th anniversary, we commend and thank the faculty, staff and students of California State University, San Bernardino of the past five decades for their contributions to our community.

SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH: HONORING HYUNDAI HOPE ON WHEELS

HON. MIKE KELLY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to observe National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, and in doing so I wish to recognize Hyundai Hope on Wheels, a leading contributor to pediatric cancer research and the fight to permanently end childhood cancer.

Hope on Wheels has one wish—and it is one that I share as both a father and a grandfather: to help kids fight and beat cancer so that each and every child can live a long, healthy, and joyous life.

Each year, approximately 15,780 children and adolescents are diagnosed with cancer.