

a monument to be erected in Grand Terrace, California. This memorial will honor the service, sacrifice and spirit of our nation's veterans, hundreds of thousands of whom called the Inland Empire home.

This will memorialize the brave men and women who gave the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom and liberty. We will never forget what they did for our nation, risking their lives to keep us safe and free. For over two hundred years, brave Americans have put their lives in harm's way for the sake of our country. The Veterans Wall of Freedom will allow us to pay tribute to those courageous souls, and to teach future generations of their selflessness and sacrifice.

The Veterans Wall of Freedom will serve as a constant reminder of the fearless Americans who lived beside us for decades and through multiple wars, and what they did to protect our families, communities and country.

MIKE BESTOR

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a true public servant and community leader. After serving more than 21 years as City Manager of Golden, Colorado, Mike Bestor is retiring.

Mike's work ethic, integrity and thoughtfulness made him an effective City Manager for the City of Golden for more than 21 years. Golden flourished under Mike's management. His efforts to develop biking and hiking trails, additional park space, Fossil Trace Golf Course, the community center and countless other projects have helped enhance Golden and the ability for residents and visitors alike to live, work and play there. Even during the recession, Mike was able to keep Golden strong despite difficult budget cuts. Mike's appreciation and dedication to the city and its employees and residents is evident in everything he accomplished.

Mike Bestor exemplifies the best in public service, and Golden was fortunate to have his leadership for 21 years. Congratulations on your retirement and thank you for all you have done for the City of Golden and our community.

RECOGNIZING MR. TAYLOR
LANCASTER

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the accomplishments of Taylor Lancaster, my constituent who just completed a cross-country trek to bring attention to the cause of proper labeling of food products containing GMOs. Taylor has devoted the past eight months of his life to traversing 2,700 miles by foot, in order to raise awareness for this important issue.

Taylor began his journey on January 5th of this year at the famous Santa Monica Pier. From there, he crossed our country's great

deserts, mountains, and plains, to arrive on the banks of the Potomac, here in Washington, D.C. Taylor did not do this alone; he had help along the way. Kind people in diverse communities shared their homes, allied and affiliated organizations shared his story, and his sponsors supported him. Taylor also had the opportunity to meet with like-minded groups, politicians, and schoolchildren to share his message as he crossed the country.

Taylor, who is my constituent and a resident of Santa Barbara, California, has been a back-packer for more than 20 years. He has worked on an organic farm and tended to organic gardens and orchards at a monastery. It was during his time at the monastery that he decided to undertake a journey in support of something larger than himself.

Like Taylor and the majority of American consumers, I firmly believe consumers have the right to know what is in their food. Part of Taylor's mission is to bring awareness to, and oppose, proposed legislation that would prohibit any mandatory labeling of GMOs. I have consistently voted against this type of legislation and applaud Taylor and his efforts to spread this message he believes in.

I am pleased to recognize Taylor's achievements on behalf of consumers' right to know and wish him continued success in his future endeavors.

CELEBRATING THE TOWN OF
HEBRON'S 125TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with sincere pride that I recognize the town of Hebron, Indiana, as town officials and the entire community celebrate the very special occasion of its 125th anniversary.

Prior to its incorporation in March of 1890, Hebron was originally known as the "Corners" based on the crossing of two roads at its location. Although the town's first three attempts at incorporation were unsuccessful, the area thrived and continued to grow, and the first school was constructed in 1842. The year of 1845 was significant in that the first constructed log house was completed within the community, while the petition for a local post office was also submitted by Reverend Wilson Blaine during that year. The petition would be approved within a year's time and named Hebron after Reverend Blaine's congregation. A new era arose in 1863 with the construction of the Pittsburgh, Chicago, and Saint Louis Railroad, linking the community by rail with Chicago's business and economic opportunities. Residents could now leave for business in Chicago in the morning and return in the evening. The years to come would mark an exciting time for Hebron and for all of Northwest Indiana.

Although it was not yet incorporated, the census taken in 1886 showed that the area had a population of 663. By its centennial year in 1990, Hebron had demonstrated a steady growth with a population of 2696 residents. This trend has continued throughout the years, as the latest census data indicates that Hebron's population has reached 3700.

In celebration of the town's 125th anniversary, festivities will be held in Hebron during

the annual Block Party for the Town on Saturday, September 19, 2015. In commemoration of this milestone, there will be a walking tour of community homes built in the 1800s, and the town's museum will be open for residents, visitors, and friends to reflect on the rich history of Hebron. In addition, entertainment and a grand fireworks display will take place for all to enjoy. A time capsule will also be buried near the Hebron clock tower to mark this special anniversary. For their devotion to their town's memory and prosperity, I would like to take the time to acknowledge Town Council President Don Ensign, Vice President Dave Peeler, council members, Pete Breuckman, Mike Mantai, and Keith Cunningham, Clerk-Treasurer Terri Waywood.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my distinguished colleagues join me in honoring the 125th anniversary of the town of Hebron, Indiana. For 125 years, the people of Hebron have demonstrated a level of pride in and service to their community that is unmatched. The town and its people have been an integral part of the Northwest Indiana community for generations, and I have been proud to serve as their representative.

PIE CONSULTING AND
ENGINEERING

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Pie Consulting and Engineering in Arvada, Colorado for being honored by Colorado Companies to Watch (CCTW).

CCTW is a unique awards program that recognizes and celebrates the contribution, innovation and energy of diverse second-stage companies that exemplify strong management, and community service involvement. While there are many outstanding companies in Colorado, Pie was chosen based on their positive impact on economic growth and the way they empower the innovation of their clients, staff and the community around them.

Pie Consulting & Engineering began in 1999 and has grown to be a leading forensic engineering and building sciences firm with offices throughout the nation. Pie's team of building science engineers and consultants provide enclosure consulting and services nationally and internationally for a variety of department of defense, federal, institutional, commercial, religious, medical, resort, mission-critical and mixed-use facilities. Their clients include the Marriott at Denver International Airport, and Pearl Place, the new Google complex.

The spirit of Pie's organization is fueled by strong company core values of ownership, community, integrity, respect, optimism and an emphasis on charitable giving. The high level of devotion Pie has shown to their community speaks to their quality of service. Pie takes pride in positively impacting the community of Arvada by hosting charity events and offering a Charitable Time Off program for employees to support charitable causes and non-profits that are important to them. Pie Consulting and Engineering is a great community asset and I'm proud of the service they provide our community. I am certain their service will continue to benefit our communities for decades to come.

HONORING THE LATE
CONGRESSMAN LOUIS STOKES

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, the late Congressman Lou Stokes loved life and loved his family. He loved Cleveland, and he loved the political process. He was a giant of a man who embodied a quiet dignity that still inspires me today to do more for those who don't have a voice.

It was my privilege to attend the funeral service of Congressman Stokes on August 25, 2015. While many family members and friends paid special homage to a great public servant, the remarks of Congresswoman MARCIA FUDGE rung particularly true to all who were able to hear them. It is those comments that I would like to share with you now.

EULOGY OF LOUIS STOKES

(By Marcia Fudge)

I rise today to perform one of the most heavy-hearted duties to which I have ever been assigned. Lou Stokes himself was the assigner. He asked me several weeks ago to, on behalf of the political community, to deliver a discourse in commemoration of his lifetime of public service. Lou Stokes was the first African American elected to represent this community in the House of Representatives. I was blessed to have first a mentor/mentee relationship. Later, he became my colleague and my friend. That friendship continued without interruption until the day of his death. Make no mistake, my friends, we mourn this day, the loss of no ordinary man.

Napoleon I as the story goes was crossing the Alps, when he saw a lone peasant woman along the side of the road. "Where are you going on this bright morning?" And she answered "I am heading through the pass to hopefully see the Emperor." It was obvious she did not know who he was, so he went on and said "why would you be interested in seeing the Emperor, than his majesty from the House of Bourbon. It seems to me that you have exchanged one politician for another." The peasant spent a few minutes and said, "The Bourbons were the rulers for the rich and famous. Napoleon is our ruler." In this holy place, we have assembled to pay respect to the cherished and honored Louis Stokes, because no matter how many degrees he possessed, no matter how many world leaders he knew by first name, no matter how many Presidents sought his counsel, he was the Congressman for the peasant, the pauper, the passed over, and yes the popu- late.

Louis Stokes, thank God, never embraced the shallow notion that he should be like everyone else. Had he done so, he would never have reached his extraordinariness. He was a gifted orator, a writer of atypical ability, a lawmaker with legendary legislative savvy, and a statesman of sterling examples of civility. As the drama of history unfolds, Congressman Stokes will be ranked as one of the all-time greats, and to be sure, his greatness will endure. Because of Louis Stokes' staying power, I make it a practice to never praise the one hit wonders. Such ephemeral leaders are like the meteors that flash across the heavens, just long enough to announce the dark oblivion into which they soar. I, perhaps like many of you, prefer stars that don't burn out so quickly. Lou's star still shines.

There are millions of things that do not last. Such things are magnificent for a mo-

ment, and then like a mighty gust of wind, they're gone. The majority of men and women who served in Congress served and never left a trace. Deft winds hold no such victory over Louis Stokes. He was a man of good works. Remember, good works are inspired by God, and receptive to his people. Eternal life is the fruitage of good works. Yes I'm saying that if Lou Stokes is not in heaven, most of us can forget about it. I'm not a preacher, or a theologian, so I can't present a picture of Lou in heaven—but in the vernacular of the House of Representatives—the gentleman from Ohio has been appointed to an unknown committee, holding hearings in an unknown location, but orchestrated by a well-known, all-knowing chair.

RECOGNITION OF GOLDEN GOOSE
AWARD RECIPIENT, DR. CHRIS-
TOPHER SMALL

HON. MARK POCAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

Mr. POCAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Golden Goose Award, which recognizes researchers whose federally funded research has returned significant benefits to society.

In particular, I rise to celebrate one of this year's Golden Goose Awardees and fellow alum of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, in my district: Dr. Christopher Small. With funding from the National Science Foundation, Dr. Small, an earth scientist, and his colleague, Dr. Joel E. Cohen, a mathematical population biologist, pursued what seemed like a simple curiosity: how many people live at any given altitude on Earth? The result was the first global map of how the human population is distributed in altitude—an important factor in our exposure to risk, our human health and even how computers function.

While Drs. Small and Cohen were particularly interested in populations near coastlines, where they are at risk from natural disasters and sea-level rise, companies like Intel, Proctor & Gamble, and Frito-Lay have all consulted with them about populations at high altitudes. In fact, Dr. Small got what he calls the "biggest surprise of [his] scientific career" when he received a phone call from Frito-Lay representatives, interested to learning if there was a sufficient high altitude market to justify designing packaging that could sustain large differences in pressure from sea level up to the Rockies or the Himalayas.

Beyond working with industry to examine the potential of high altitude markets, the two have worked with biomedical researchers and public health professionals to help them understand the magnitude of altitude-related impacts on human health.

Without federal support, Drs. Small and Cohen may never have had the incentive to pursue their curiosity and develop game-changing insights into how the human population is distributed—insights that inform everything from microchip manufacturing to food production and packaging and from biomedical research to the treatment of human disease.

I rise today to congratulate my fellow Badger in receiving this important recognition and applaud those supporting the Golden Goose Award which continues to highlight the importance of federal investments in research.

These investments help grow our economy and improve the quality of our life and future generations.

HONORING THE LIFE OF BERNARD
T. GATES, JR.

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the life of a special man from Kentucky's Sixth District, Bernard T. "Bud" Gates, Jr. Mr. Gates was a successful business owner and a leader in the automotive industry.

Mr. Gates was born in 1924 in Indianapolis, Indiana. He graduated from Indiana University, where he played football. Mr. Gates served his country as a member of the United States Army Air Corps. He was a well-known and successful race car driver. He was also a local television personality in Indianapolis.

Mr. Gates began his automotive career at the age of ten when he began working at his father's Chrysler-DeSoto dealership. He went on to own and operate Bud Gates Chrysler, Bud Gates Chevytown, one of the largest General Motors dealerships in the midwest, and Bud Gates Toyota, Indiana's first Toyota dealership. He was most recently an associate with his son Steve Gates at Toyota South in Richmond, Kentucky. Gates served on the National Automobile Dealers Councils for Chrysler, Chevrolet, and Toyota.

Bud Gates was a leader in the automotive industry and a great American. He died on September first. He will be deeply missed, especially by his daughter and two sons, his grandchildren, and his great grandchildren.

CONGRATULATING RAMER SCHOOL

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, James A. Garfield said that "Next in importance to freedom and justice is education, without which neither freedom nor justice can be maintained". Even though President Garfield's presidency was short, he proclaimed the value of and set standards for better education in our nation. Being a former teacher he valued the public education system.

A strong education base in Elementary, Middle and High School is essential for continuous growth. Educators, students, and communities who accomplish academic achievement and growth should be recognized. I am honored to congratulate Ramer School for being named a "Reward School" for the 2014-15 academic school year. To be one of only 5% in the state and one of only six in rural west Tennessee to achieve this status is an accomplishment for any school. And to make it more newsworthy, this is the second time in four years for Ramer to receive this award. We celebrate the hard work and dedication of your students, teachers, parents, and administrators.

Ramer School, you are building a great foundation in the lives of future contributing adults. I congratulate you.