

from their busy lives to devote themselves to a larger cause. It's rarely glamorous work. Party soldiers stuff envelopes, walk door-to-door for candidates, and devote long hours in the most elemental parts of the electoral process. Through the years, Nancy has never shied away from this hard work and was always ready to help.

Like many Republicans, Nancy's political fires we're ignited during Barry Goldwater's 1964 presidential campaign. But it was during the aftermath of Watergate that Nancy took her committed activism to a new level by becoming a part of the Central Texas Republican Women's Club where she wore many hats and became an indispensable part of that critical organization. Over the years, she's provided excellent service in a variety of elected and appointed positions. Elected Chair of the Bell County Republican Party in 1990, Nancy has shepherded that organization into a position of prominence in both Texas and the Nation.

Nancy has been a mentor and role model to other activists and leads the Party with dedication, honesty, and integrity. Her wisdom and experience have been relied upon countless times and she's always been a source of sound guidance and leadership.

Some people live an entire lifetime and wonder if they have made a difference in the world; Nancy Boston doesn't have that problem. I join her family, friends, and colleagues in saluting her great work and wish her nothing but the best in the years ahead.

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TRIBUTE TO FLORENCE NOLTE

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Florence Nolte on the celebration of her 100th birthday. Ms. Nolte celebrated her 100th birthday on July 17th, 2015 in Stuart, Iowa.

Our world has changed a great deal during the course of Ms. Nolte's life. Since her birth, we have revolutionized air travel and walked on the moon. We have invented the television, cellular phones, and the internet. We have fought in wars overseas, seen the rise and fall of Soviet Communism and witnessed the birth of new democracies. Ms. Nolte has lived through seventeen United States Presidents and twenty-four Governors of Iowa. In her lifetime, the population of the United States has more than tripled.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent Ms. Nolte in the United States Congress and it is my pleasure to wish her a very happy 100th birthday. I invite my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Ms. Nolte on reaching this incredible milestone, and wishing her continued health and happiness in the years to come.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 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 \$18,151,061,535,754.50. We've added \$7,524,184,486,841.42 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.

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HONORING MEMORIAL TABERNACLE CHURCH

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Memorial Tabernacle Church, located in Oakland, California upon its 90th Anniversary as a strong religious pillar in the East Bay community.

Memorial Tabernacle Church was founded in 1925 by Bishop Judge & Sarah King, a married couple from Louisiana. They moved to California in search of a better life, free from prejudice. The church was established in a two-story house on Seventh Street in West Oakland. Despite the area's reputation, Bishop Judge and Sarah preached in all areas of the community, including street corners and in front of bars.

To accommodate their growing numbers, the congregation moved to a larger building in West Oakland. But in 1960, the United States Postal Service purchased several blocks of land and property on Seventh Street to build the main Post Office before finally moving to their current home in North Oakland.

Following the passing of Bishop Judge in 1945, his son, Bishop Ulysses S. King was named senior pastor. Bishop Ulysses was active in the community. He was a member of the Center for Urban Black Studies, an affiliate center of the Graduate Theological Union. He later received an honorary Doctor of Divinity. In 1972, Bishop Ulysses took the message of salvation to the cities of Lagos and Uyo, Nigeria. In 1976, Bishop Ulysses helped establish an affiliate church in Uyo.

Now under the leadership of Pastor Stephen King, Memorial Tabernacle Church has continued to thrive through its various ministries in the East Bay community. The church facilitates programs such as the Embracing Our Community, Health Ministry, and Community Garden Ministry. All of these programs are responsible for maintaining contact with the community and working to serve those in need.

Memorial Tabernacle Church also hosts ministries for groups of all ages and areas of need. The Young People Ministry helps educate the young people about God's Word and how to better serve their community. The Music Ministry guides people in expressing praise, prayer, and gratitude to God via musi-

cal instruments, singing hymns, guest musicians and soloists.

On behalf of the residents of California's 13th Congressional District, I extend my sincerest congratulations to Memorial Tabernacle Church on the special occasion of its 90th anniversary. I wish Memorial Tabernacle Church many more years of faithful and compassionate service.

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TRIBUTE TO MIKE DAILEY

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Mike Dailey, principal at Southeast Polk Junior High School for receiving the 2015 ITAG (Iowa Talented and Gifted) Administrator of the Year award.

This honor is awarded annually to recognize an Iowa building-level or district office administrator who supports and advances ITAG's mission in his/her school district. The organization's mission is to "recognize, support, and respect the unique and diverse needs of talented and gifted learners through advocacy, education, and networking."

Mike was nominated for this award by Laurie Wyatt, Southeast Polk's Learning Supports Coordinator. Ms. Wyatt cited Mike's support of gifted junior high students, which is reflected in his willingness to collaborate and cooperate with other staff. He has also been a driving force behind the growth in his building's Iowa Assessment scores.

Mike's tireless dedication to all junior high students is highly valued by Southeast Polk. His efforts exemplify the district's priority of high academic achievement, and its vision to help students reach success in college, career, and civic life.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate Mike for this award and for providing the youth in Iowa's 3rd Congressional District the education that they will need to be successful in the future. I am proud to represent him, his family and his fellow teachers and students in the United States Congress. I know that my colleagues join me in congratulating Mike and wishing him nothing but continued success.

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HONORING VFW POST 1294, COMMANDER EDDIE BRAY, AND THE LADIES AUXILIARY

**HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, people who serve their country in the military without regard for their own safety to safeguard our way of life are truly heroes. Some of these heroes come home to continue to serve their neighbors, their communities and fellow veterans. Today I am pleased to congratulate and honor a group of these great heroes.

To the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1294, Commander Eddie Bray, and the Ladies Auxiliary: I am amazed at your accomplishments and pleased that you have been recognized

with the First Place status in the state of Tennessee for the second consecutive year.

Some of your other outstanding awards include:

The post was named National Community Service Post for the second year

Commander Bray was awarded the Outstanding Recruiter of the year

The post was awarded a plaque for 100% membership

Awarded Honor Post status for exceeding 100% membership

Named All State and the Commander and Quartermaster were named Co-Captains of All State Teams

One of only 139 out of 6,999 posts to be named an All American Post

Commander Bray named All American Commander

I am pleased to have the honor to congratulate you in person and to thank you for your continued service.

**HONORING PROFESSORS WALTER MISCHEL, JOEL COHEN, AND CHRISTOPHER SMALL—FOR RECEIVING THE 2015 GOLDEN GOOSE AWARD**

**HON. NITA M. LOWEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor three New York scientists—Professors Walter Mischel, Joel Cohen and Christopher Small—for receiving the 2015 Golden Goose award for research within their respective fields.

Founded in 2012, the Golden Goose Award recognizes researchers whose obscure, federally funded research has returned significant benefits to society. This annual contest was inspired by my friend, Representative JIM COOPER of Tennessee, as a way of highlighting the tremendous human and economic benefits of federally funded research.

Dr. Mischel of Columbia University, in conjunction with Drs. Philip Peake and Yuichi Shoda of Stanford University, were recognized for their “Marshmallow Test.” This project measures human behavior, specifically our self-control, by offering children one marshmallow immediately or two if they could wait just 15 minutes alone with their potential treat. The project revealed the importance of self-control and how the trait can be cultivated to appropriately teach our children. Dr. Mischel’s work was made possible by funding from the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation (NSF).

Drs. Cohen and Small received the 2015 Golden Goose award for their study on population densities at various altitudes. Working out of the Lamont Doherty Earth Observatory in my district, Drs. Cohen and Small developed the first global map of human population distribution with respect to Earth elevation. This innovative way of looking at population density will help us understand how events such as natural disasters or sea-level rise impact population distribution and health. Their work was made possible by funding from the NSF.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Professors Walter Mischel, Joel Cohen and Chris-

topher Small for receiving the 2015 Golden Goose Award. Their projects symbolize the importance of federal funding for scientific research and the creativity that research fosters. I urge my colleagues to join me in commending them for their hard work.

**TRIBUTE TO SKYLER RAWLINGS**

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Skyler Rawlings of Greenfield, Iowa, for receiving a state 4-H citizenship project award. Skyler is the son of Sieanna Rawlings of Greenfield, Iowa.

A state 4-H project award is the highest achievement one can receive in the 4-H project work category. Project awards are given to youth who demonstrate leadership, communication, and volunteerism in certain project areas. A total of 152 youth from 55 counties competed for these project awards on the state level. Achieving this honor is a true testament to Skyler’s dedication to serving others, and I commend him for his hard work.

Mr. Speaker, Skyler’s actions embody the Iowa spirit and I am honored to represent him in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating Skyler on his achievement and I wish him and his family nothing but the best moving forward.

**TRIBUTE TO THE HONOR FLIGHT OF EASTERN AND PORTLAND OREGON**

**HON. GREG WALDEN**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mr. WALDEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 50 World War II veterans from Oregon who will be visiting their memorial today in Washington, D.C. through Honor Flight of Oregon. On behalf of a grateful state and country, we welcome these heroes to the nation’s capital.

The veterans on this flight from Oregon are as follows: Robert Bortvedt, Army; Eldon Dyer, Army; John Fellas, Army; Donald Ford, Army; RD, Sr. Fortner, Army; Clyde Harrop, Army; Donald Kiser, Army; Everett Lee, Army; Patrick O’Brien, Army; Lawrence Torrey, Army; Donald Bean, Army Air Forces; Donald Cresap, Army Air Forces; Harold Goff, Army Air Forces; Lawrence Kissinger, Army Air Forces; Francis Marvel, Army Air Forces; Raymond Morgan, Army Air Forces; Leo Morstad, Army Air Forces; James Riopelle, Army Air Forces; James Sperling, Coast Guard; Stanley Wheeler, Coast Guard; Harold Englet, Merchant Marines; Charles Kempf, Merchant Marines; Kenneth Anderson, Navy; William Birkeland, Navy; Douglas Carer, Navy; Thomas Christman, Navy; Raynold Deluca Sr., Navy; Rupert Fixott, Navy; Donald Fowler, Navy; Ralph Grassmuck, Navy; Roland

Halberg, Navy; Marvin Johnson, Navy; Robert Kahl, Navy; Kenneth Kerns, Navy; Harold Lay, Navy; Gerald Midbust, Navy; Clinton Peck, Navy; George Prusynski, Navy; Leo Schammel, Navy; Raymond Stahly, Navy; Earl Uptegrove, Navy; Murray Watts, Navy; Lyle Wescott, Navy; Merrill Williams, Navy; Robert Zimmerman, Navy; Joe Bruer, Marine Corps; Earle Costello, Marine Corps; Robert Miller, Marine Corps; Juanita Price, Marine Corps; and John Anderson, Navy Reserve.

These 50 heroes join the estimated 20,000–25,000 veterans who will travel to Washington DC from their home states in 2015, adding to the 138,800 veterans who have been honored through the Honor Flight Network of volunteers nationwide since 2005.

Mr. Speaker, each of us is humbled by the courage of these soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines who put themselves in harm’s way for our country and way of life. As a nation, we can never fully repay the debt of gratitude owed to them for their honor, commitment, and sacrifice in defense of the freedoms we have today.

My colleagues, please join me in thanking these veterans and the volunteers of Honor Flight of Oregon for their exemplary dedication and service to this great country. I especially want to recognize and thank Dick Tobiason for his tireless work as president of Honor Flight of Oregon and trip leader Erik Tobiason for his efforts.

**RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF MAY AS SYRINGOMYELIA AWARENESS MONTH**

**HON. BILLY LONG**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize May as Syringomyelia Awareness Month, with the hope that increased awareness of this disease will bring improved care to individuals bravely battling the disease and a cure.

Syringomyelia is a progressive disease of the spinal cord and has no known cure at this time. Thousands of men, women and children all over the world are affected by Syringomyelia and they can suffer from chronic severe pain, widespread symptoms, paralysis and even death. It is imperative that we educate the public and medical communities in order to find a cure for this disease.

I ask all my colleagues to join me and all those impacted with this rare disease, not just today but every day, in the mission to educate the world about Syringomyelia. With more research on the disease and developments of treatments and even a cure, we can decrease mortality for individuals all over the world.

**TRIBUTE TO CALVIN AND KAREN LARSEN**

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

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