

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**

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