

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

LAWSUIT ABUSE REDUCTION ACT OF 2015

SPEECH OF

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 17, 2015

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to the so-called Lawsuit Abuse Reduction Act (H.R. 758). This misguided bill would reinstate procedural rules that failed thirty years ago, stripping federal judges of the ability to impose the sanctions they deem appropriate for bringing frivolous lawsuits. During the ten years the old rules were in effect, judges completely lost their discretion about whether or not to impose sanctions on attorneys and were forced to issue harsh penalties for even the smallest infractions. Heavy punishments under the old system lead to endless motions that clogged our already burdened legal system, preventing access to justice.

Moreover, had the provisions in this bill been law for all of the twentieth century, they would have prevented dozens of landmark civil rights cases from moving forward. Under this bill, both *Brown v. Board of Education*, which struck down school segregation, and *Loving v. Virginia*, which eliminated bans on interracial marriage, might not have made it into the courtroom. To rectify this situation, Congress in 1993 brought back the standards that existed during the Civil Rights Era, giving judges more flexibility and focusing on deterrence, rather than punishment. H.R. 758 would undo that work by abandoning our faith in judicial prudence. We should not repeat the mistakes of the past, and we should not allow this bill to become law.

RECOGNIZING PATRICIA FRY FOR BECOMING A FINALIST FOR NA- TIONAL PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 22, 2015

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Patricia Fry, a dedicated principal who has been selected as, not only the Massachusetts Principal of the year, but is also a finalist for the 2015 National Principal of the Year.

The National Principal of the Year program identifies exemplary principals, like Patricia, from both the middle school and high school levels across the United States who have gone above and beyond to provide the best quality educational opportunities for their students while also contributing significantly to their profession, and I can think of no one more deserving than Patricia.

For the past 10 years, Patricia has served as principal at Plymouth South High School in

Plymouth, Massachusetts. Prior to this position, she has served as principal at Seekonk High School in Seekonk, Massachusetts. Before rising to the position of principal, Patricia endeavored to engage and shape young minds as a Spanish teacher and an assistant principal at Barnstable High School. Additionally, she is an accomplished presenter at workshops and conferences geared toward educators—having presented her energizing lessons, passion for the material, and commitment to the students all over the country.

Patricia is not only an educator but is also a lifelong learner. Though she has an undergraduate degree from Stonehill College and a Master's degree from Bridgewater State University, she has continued her education and is working toward completing her dissertation for a PhD from Lesley University. Her curiosity and passion for learning is a model for her students, and most importantly, is unparalleled.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Patricia Fry for achieving this prestigious recognition. I know all my colleagues in the House join me in congratulating her and wishing her nothing but success in the future.

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF JESÚS RAMOS RECIPIENT OF THE 2015 ST. MADELEINE SOPHIE AWARD

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 22, 2015

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the recipients of the sixteenth annual St. Madeleine Sophie Awards, given by Sacred Heart Schools (SHS), Atherton, California. The recipients of this prestigious and highly regarded recognition are individuals in the SHS community who have made a sustained and significant contribution to the Schools and embody the Goals and Criteria of a Sacred Heart education. Their commitment to the mission of a Sacred Heart education is a source of great inspiration to our entire community. This awards celebration will be held on September 23, 2015, in the Eileen Sullivan Connolly Auditorium in the Campbell Center for the Performing Arts at Sacred Heart Schools in Atherton.

This year's award recipient, Jesús Ramos, has given generously of his time, talent, and devotion to the Mission of the Society of the Sacred Heart.

Jesús Ramos is a Spanish instructor and coordinator of the Senior Honors Independent Study Program at Sacred Heart Schools in Atherton, California. In his 25 years as an educator in several independent schools, Jesús has worked in a wide range of school positions and functions: middle school academic dean; middle and high school Spanish teacher; World Languages department head; college counselor; founder of an office of Diver-

sity and Inclusion; middle and high school admissions committees; coach; dorm faculty member; peer mentor and evaluator; and campus ministry. In these capacities he has gained invaluable collaborative, communication, problem-solving, and strategic planning fluencies: mediating between teachers, parents and students; directing curriculum design; overseeing the hiring and evaluation of new and returning teachers; working with faculty, students, the Admissions Office and the Head of Schools on issues of equity, justice and multiculturalism; counseling students and their families through the college application process; and equally exercising his duties as coach, faculty resident and classroom teacher. Jesús earned his B.A. in Theology and Spanish Literature and his M.A. in Spanish Literature from the University of Notre Dame. He resides in Menlo Park, California.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in honoring the extraordinary work and contributions of Jesús Ramos and congratulate him on being honored with the St. Madeleine Sophie Award.

FLORIDA INVENTORS HALL OF FAME

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 22, 2015

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 13 inventors who have been recognized as the Inductees of the Florida Inventors Hall of Fame since its founding. In order to be named as an Inductee, these men and women were nominated by their peers and have undergone the scrutiny of the Florida Inventors Hall of Fame Selection Committee. Each of their innovations is deemed to have made a significant impact on quality of life, economic development, and welfare of society for the citizens of Florida and the United States.

The Florida Inventors Hall of Fame was founded in 2013 by Paul R. Sanberg, Senior Vice President for Research, Innovation and Economic Development, and Judy Genshaft, President, at the University of South Florida. It was recognized by the Florida Senate with Senate Resolution 1756, adopted at the request of Florida Senator Jeff Brandes (22nd district), on April 30, 2014. By commending the incredible scientific work that has been, and continues to be, accomplished in Florida by its citizens, the Florida Inventors Hall of Fame's mission is to encourage individuals of all ages and backgrounds to strive toward the betterment of Florida and society through continuous, groundbreaking innovation.

Nomination to the Florida Inventors Hall of Fame is open to all Florida inventors (living or dead) who are, or who have been, residents of Florida and whose connection to the State has informed their inventive work. The nominee must be a named inventor on a patent issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. The impact of the inventor and

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his or her invention should be significant to society as a whole, and the invention should have been commercialized, utilized, or led to important innovations.

The 2014 Inductees of the Florida Inventors Hall of Fame are: Thomas Edison (1847–1931), the most prolific inventor in U.S. history and longtime resident of Fort Myers; Robert Cade (1927–2007), University of Florida professor, who developed the hydrating sports drink Gatorade, Gainesville; William Glenn (1926–2013), Florida Atlantic University professor, who invented the high-definition camera for NASA, Boca Raton; John Gorrie (1803–1855), physician and the father of refrigeration and air conditioning, Apalachicola; Shyam Mohapatra, University of South Florida professor and pioneer of applied biomedical nanotechnology, Tampa; and Shin-Tson Wu, University of Central Florida professor, whose liquid crystal research has impacted display technology worldwide, Orlando.

The 2015 Inductees of the Florida Inventors Hall of Fame are: Henry Ford (1863–1947), automotive technology pioneer and Fort Myers resident, who advanced industrial manufacturing and contributed to experimental botanical research; Robert Howard Grubbs, University of Florida graduate, professor at the California Institute of Technology, and recipient of the 2005 Nobel Prize in Chemistry, whose contributions led to new materials in medicine and plastics, Gainesville; Robert Holton, Florida State University professor, who invented the chemical synthesis of Taxol, a widely utilized and highly effective anti-cancer drug, Tallahassee; Jerry Pratt, scientist at the Florida Institute for Human and Machine Cognition, for his revolutionary work in walking robotics, Pensacola; Paul R. Sanberg, professor, and Senior Vice President for Research, Innovation and Economic Development at the University of South Florida, for discovery of novel approaches to drug and cell therapies to treat stroke, brain injuries and diseases, and for founding the National Academy of Inventors, Tampa; Nan-Yao Su, University of Florida professor, who invented Sentricon[®], which revolutionized termite control, Gainesville and Fort Lauderdale; and Janet Yamamoto, University of Florida professor, who discovered the deadly feline immunodeficiency virus (FIV), created the FIV vaccine, and furthered research on HIV, Gainesville.

The contributions made to society through innovation and invention are significant and life changing. I commend these individuals and the organizations and institutions that have supported them for the work they have done to benefit the world in which we live. In contemplating the work of these inventors, may future generations be encouraged to strive to emulate these honorees and their dedication to the ideal of innovation.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF DR.
SANFORD L. JONES

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 22, 2015

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding individual, Dr. Sanford L. Jones, of Richmond, Kentucky. Dr. Jones, a part of the Greatest Generation, answered

his nation's call to service during World War II. Following the war, he had a distinguished career as an educator. Today, on his ninetieth birthday, it is my honor to recognize him before the House of Representatives.

Dr. Jones was born in Lost Creek, in Perry County, Kentucky. The oldest of seven children, his father worked as a coal miner and his mother taught school. When he was a senior in high school, Dr. Jones was drafted into the United States Army. He served as a Staff Sergeant in the U.S. Army 15th Air Force, 304th Bombardment Wing, 455th Bombardment Group from 1944–1945. Dr. Jones was assigned as a nose turret gunner on a B–24 Liberator bomber. He completed 35 missions over Europe, with targets in Italy, Yugoslavia, Austria, and Germany. He was awarded the Air Medal, with three Oak Leaf Clusters to the Air Medal, for his outstanding service.

Dr. Jones flew many important missions, but one stands out in particular. On March 23rd, 1944, 157 Liberators flew a raid on the Saint Valentine tank factory north of Linz, Austria. The anti-aircraft flak by the Germans was rough. In the words of Dr. Jones, "I never saw flak burst so close and so much at one time. There were flashes of fire everywhere." His plane was badly damaged. After the pilot miraculously landed the plane, crew members counted over one hundred holes in the plane. Seven Liberators were lost on this mission, the most harrowing one of Dr. Jones' service.

Following the war, Jones completed high school and went on to earn a bachelor's degree from Eastern Kentucky State College. He taught high school in Perry County before receiving a master's degree from the University of Kentucky and a doctorate from the University of Tennessee Memphis. Dr. Jones served on the faculty of Eastern Kentucky University from 1961–1992, serving as Chairman of the Department of Biological Sciences for 13 years. Over his many years in education, he has affected hundreds of young lives. His dedication to the education field is admirable.

The bravery of Dr. Sanford 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.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE NEW
BEDFORD WHALING MUSEUM
AND THE WILLIAM M. WOOD
FOUNDATION

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 22, 2015

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the New Bedford Whaling Museum and the William M. Wood Foundation for their collaboration in celebrating the history of Cape Verdean and Azorean culture in Southeastern Massachusetts.

Our nations' histories are forever interwoven, as the ancestors of today's Azorean and Cape Verdean American families remain an integral part of Massachusetts' economic prosperity. Many of these immigrants were first drawn to New England's ports on whaling

and fishing vessels in the early nineteenth century, often finding work in the region's nearby cranberry bogs. Cape Cod and Southeastern Massachusetts are home to the fastest growing Cape Verdean and Azorean communities in the United States.

Today, it is estimated that over 40% of the southeastern Massachusetts population are of Portuguese descent. The strong influence that the Cape Verdean and Azorean cultures have had on our local community cannot be understated, and it is essential that we honor and celebrate this important part of Southeastern Massachusetts culture.

In keeping with this spirit the William M. Wood Foundation has generously approved a \$300,000 grant to support the initiatives at the New Bedford Whaling Museum geared toward preserving the history of Azorean and Cape Verdean communities in Southeastern Massachusetts. Among other things, this grant will support a major traveling exhibit detailing the lives of Azorean and Cape Verdean whalers that will make an appearance at various coastal communities throughout New England. Additional community events will be supported by this funding, including an international symposium on the history of Azorean and Cape Verdean immigration in Massachusetts that will be held at the Museum.

In order to ensure that Cape Verdean and Azorean culture is not only preserved but celebrated in Southeastern Massachusetts, I have worked closely with many local and international officials, including Cape Verdean President Jorge Carlos Fonseca, Cape Verdean Prime Minister Jose Maria Neves, and President of the Regional Government of the Azores Vasco Cordeiro. It gives me great pride to work with these individuals and to see such strong support for honoring Azorean and Cape Verdean culture in Southeastern Massachusetts. The funding given by the William M. Wood Foundation will establish a strong base as we move forward, and we envision many more opportunities for collaboration in the future.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the New Bedford Whaling Museum and the William M. Wood Foundation as they join together to celebrate the history of Azorean and Cape Verdean culture in Southeastern Massachusetts. I thank my colleagues for joining me in recognition of these organizations for celebrating such an important aspect of Massachusetts history.

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF MARGARET BELTRAMO RECIPIENT OF THE 2015 ST. MADELEINE SOPHIE AWARD

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

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Margaret Beltramo has given generously of her time, considerable talents, and devotion to the Mission of the Society of the Sacred Heart.

Margaret was born in South San Francisco, California, and moved to Portola Valley when she was three months old. She attended local schools, including Portola Valley Elementary School, Notre Dame High School, and University of Notre Dame de Namur, Belmont. She and her husband Dan, who met at a New Year's Eve dinner-dance in Menlo Park in 1964, have been married since 1966. They have two children, Dan, Jr. and Diana and four beautiful grandchildren, Lisa, Sara, Emily, and Thomas.

Margaret serves her community in many capacities, and was instrumental in founding Families in Transition, an organization that served the people of East Palo Alto. She has left an indelible mark on the SHS campus, beginning with the Mothers' Club, which she was President of. In the late 1970's, she assisted the Director of Schools in a search for a new Montessori Director which brought Mary Gebhart to the position, strengthening the Montessori school immeasurably.

In 1980, she joined the School's first Capital Campaign Committee which raised over \$3.5 million to build the new McGanney Gymnasium and Sports Center in 1984. As a member of the Board of Trustees from 1981 to 1989, Margaret was involved with the painful decision to close the Boarding School and the challenging decision to make the school co-educational. These were exciting times for Sacred Heart, but what Margaret Beltramo is best remembered for is the establishment of the Sacred Heart Auction, a critical component of SHS's fund raising efforts.

Mr. Speaker, I have known and admired Margaret Beltramo for more than four decades and I am blessed to call her my friend. As the mothers of children who grew up together and were educated by the Religious of the Sacred Heart, I saw first-hand how her organizational skills and dedication helped to expand SHS and build for a sound future. That's why Margaret Beltramo's talents and contributions on behalf of SHS are worthy of the St. Madeleine Sophie Award.

I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in honoring the extraordinary work and contributions of Margaret Beltramo and congratulate her on being honored with the 2015 St. Madeleine Sophie Award. She has bettered our community and strengthened our country with all she has accomplished.

IT'S TIME TO STOP TAXPAYER
FUNDING OF PLANNED PARENT-
HOOD

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 22, 2015

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, on July 14th, 2015 pro-life activists with the group Center

for Medical Progress released a video of a Planned Parenthood official discussing the sale of fetal body parts. There have been many other videos released since, and each one has revealed more terrible details about the reprehensible activities of this organization. When the first Planned Parenthood video was made public, I called it horrific and inhumane, and called for an immediate investigation. Sadly, we have discovered over the last few months that this was just the beginning. With each passing day, more information comes to light illustrating that the sale and profit from fetal body parts is central to Planned Parenthood's business model, as is the performance of abortions. The American taxpayer should not be forced to pay for this. It is time to defund Planned Parenthood, and bring a stop to these barbaric practices. This is not a Republican vs. Democrat issue. This is about protecting life and taking a stand against an inhumane activity that the people of this country are being forced to subsidize. Enough is enough. I am proud to support the Defund Planned Parenthood Act to put a moratorium on both mandatory and discretionary funding while Congress continues its investigation, and to have been a leader on the issue of protecting life and stopping these evil practices. It is time to act, and I am hopeful that we stand for life, and end this once and for all.

RECOGNIZING THE NEW BEDFORD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA FOR ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 22, 2015

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 100th Anniversary of the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra and in celebration of a century of music, entertainment and education in the arts to the public.

The New Bedford Symphony Orchestra owes its establishment to Clarence Arey, a Fairhaven music teacher who founded the then-New Bedford Philharmonic Orchestra to provide quality performances of classical music for his community. It is recognized as the third oldest symphonic group in Massachusetts and one of the first twenty established in the nation.

Today, the Orchestra performs six symphonic concerts, six chamber music concerts and a holiday Pops every year. These widely attended events are renowned as a pillar and celebration of the arts from the South Coast and beyond. Their performances enrich the lives of adults and children alike through the power of music and exposure to the fine arts.

When Clarence Arey founded the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra, he did so with a very specific goal in mind—providing his students with a place to continue practicing and growing their talents and abilities after they left the school. It is in that spirit that the Orchestra continues to offer a free music education to over 30,000 students annually. The Orchestra does this in coordination with schools in the region at all age groups—from organizing its signature programs for pre-school, elementary, and adolescent programs, including Symphony Tales, Music in the Morning, Youth Orchestras

and the Strings Program. Designed to ignite a passion for music in future generations, the Orchestra also works with music teachers to establish and collaborate on education frameworks, and provides resources to assist in teaching their students.

Mr. Speaker, the 100th Anniversary of the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra provides us with an opportunity to reflect on the significance of the fine arts in Massachusetts—and our nation's—history. May this historic Orchestra continue to enrich our lives with the power of music for years to come.

H.R. 3134 AND H.R. 3504

HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 22, 2015

Mr. TURNER. Mr. Speaker, today, the United States House of Representatives votes on two important pieces of legislation that offer us the opportunity to take a strong stance supporting life—H.R. 3134, the Defund Planned Parenthood Act of 2015 and H.R. 3504, the Born-Alive Survivors Protection Act of 2015. We must demand that all human beings be treated equally, with the dignity that each human life deserves.

The right to life is one of the most fundamental and precious rights we enjoy as Americans. We must protect it with a degree of strength that equals its significance. Time and time again over my years in Congress, I have stood on the side of life, and I am proud to do so again today. I urge my colleagues, in the strongest terms, to do the same—to stand on the side of life.

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF MARIE VAUDELL RECIPIENT OF THE 2015 ST. MADELEINE SOPHIE AWARD

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This year's award recipient, Marie VauDell, has given generously of her time, talent, and devotion to the Mission of the Society of the Sacred Heart.

Marie VauDell was born in Redwood City to Edward and Josephine Imlach, and continues to live there today with her husband Doug and son Tyler. She attended St. Pius Elementary

School; St. Francis High School in Mountain View; and earned her bachelor's degree in accounting from Santa Clara University, where she played on the women's softball team. After graduation, Marie obtained her Certified Public Accounting license. While working for Pearson, Del Prete & Co., LLP she was given the assignment of auditing Sacred Heart Schools in Atherton. This led Marie to depart her private sector accounting and become the school's Controller.

Marie is a woman of many talents. She has inspired children to dance through her teaching of tap and jazz. She has hiked mountains and traversed forests as a member of the San Mateo County Sheriff's Search and Rescue Explorer Team. Marie has helped her local business community by serving as Vice President of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, and promoted sports by sitting on the Little League Board. She enjoys travel, reading and sports, but what means the most to Marie and brings her the greatest joy is her family, especially seeing her son Tyler transition into adulthood.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in honoring the extraordinary work and contributions of Marie VauDell and congratulate her on being honored with the 2015 St. Madeleine Sophie Award.

SAFE PLAY ACT

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 22, 2015

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the first Children's Cardiomyopathy Awareness Month this month.

The Children's Cardiomyopathy Foundation, or CCF, is a non-profit group dedicated to raising awareness for the risk of sudden cardiac arrest in the young and helping to prevent tragic deaths.

The Children's Cardiomyopathy Foundation works to raise awareness for serious cardiac conditions and provides resources and supports to families struggling with the impossible reality of discovering that their young children have critical conditions. CCF's work to bring attention to this issue and encourage better detection, prevention, and treatment for patients is important, and I thank them for these efforts. I invite my colleagues to join me in congratulating this organization's lifesaving work.

I invite my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 829, the Supporting Athletes, Families and Educators to Protect the Lives of Athletic Young Act, known as the SAFE PLAY Act. This legislation will provide school systems with resources to raise awareness for youth athlete safety, encourage the development of best practices to prevent, report, and address injuries, and educate teachers, students, and coaches on the risks of cardiomyopathy and other critical cardiac conditions. It will also allow students to learn CPR and how to use an automated external defibrillator, or AED, to help prevent death in the event of sudden cardiac arrest. This legislation will increase school safety and help reduce the number of deaths from this condition on school property.

RECOGNIZING THE CALL TO ACTION FOR WALKING AND WALKABLE COMMUNITIES

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 22, 2015

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in support of the United States Surgeon General Vivek Murthy's Step It Up! call to action to promote walking and walkable communities.

Walking is a simple and effective way to increase physical activity in the lives of everyday Americans, and it can help significantly reduce the risk of heart disease and diabetes. An average of just 22 minutes a day of physical activity can significantly mitigate many potential long term health issues. Fewer than half of all U.S. adults, and only a quarter of high school students, get enough physical activity to reduce their risk of chronic diseases associated with an inactive lifestyle.

The U.S. Department of Transportation has found that three out of every ten Americans do not have access to sidewalks along streets in their neighborhood. I am here today to support the Surgeon General's call on local leaders, law enforcement, and public health managers to create safe sidewalks, curbs, and crosswalks within local communities. We need to step up as a country to ensure that citizens can walk within their own communities and feel safe when they do. This call to action both encourages a shared sense of community among residents and is an effective way to mitigate many of our nation's health care concerns and costs.

As the co-chair of the Fitness Caucus, the Youth Sports Caucus, and the Taskforce on Childhood Obesity, I am proud to support the Surgeon General in his call to action for walking and walkable communities.

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF WILLIAM V. CAMPBELL RECIPIENT OF THE 2015 ST. MADELEINE SOPHIE AWARD

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This year's award recipient, William V. Campbell, has given generously of his time, considerable talents, and deep devotion to the Mission of the Society of the Sacred Heart.

Bill Campbell is Chair Emeritus of Columbia University's Trustees and is the Chair of the Board of Intuit Corporation. He has served as Intuit's President and CEO (1994–2000), and formerly was President and CEO of GO Corporation; Founder, President and Chief Executive Officer of Claris Corporation; and Executive Vice-President of Apple Computer. Mr. Campbell joined Apple Computer from Kodak in 1983 where he was General Manager of consumer products for Kodak Europe. Prior to joining Kodak, Bill was Vice President of J. Walter Thompson in New York. He recently retired from the Board of Directors of Apple, Inc. after 17 years of service. Bill served as a Trustee of Columbia University for 12 years, 9 as Chair of the Board. He has been Co-Chair of the Campaign Volunteer Leadership Committee, where he served on the Executive Steering Committee, and Co-Chair for Athletics. He was a founder of the Columbia Alumni Association and a member of the advisory group of the Columbia Entrepreneurship initiative. Bill served as the head football coach at Columbia from 1974 to 1979 and is a director of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame. In addition to Bill's college football career, he has been the Head Coach for the Sacred Heart Middle School's powder puff football team which is a highlight for the eighth grade students. He has two children, James and Margaret and lives in Palo Alto, California.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in honoring the extraordinary work and contributions of Bill Campbell and congratulate him on being honored with the 2015 St. Madeleine Sophie Award.

VIRGINIA EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

HON. BOB GOODLATTE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 22, 2015

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, nearly 110 years ago, a church leader in Staunton, Virginia envisioned a secondary school to be operated by the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia. The Rev. Robert Carter Jett, who was the first Rector of Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Staunton, said he wanted the school to provide "leadership in the matter of education" for students from all means and backgrounds, with special consideration for the children of the clergy. Thanks to the work of Rev. Jett, on February 4, 1914, Virginia Episcopal School in Lynchburg, Virginia was incorporated.

With the help of other individuals over the following year-and-a-half, Virginia Episcopal School opened on a 160-acre campus in Lynchburg on September 25, 1916. There were 63 young men enrolled in that first school year, the vast majority of them coming from the Commonwealth of Virginia. Rev. Jett was the school's first Rector and was joined by five faculty members. A single building held classrooms, a chapel, a dining room, and a dormitory.

In the century since Virginia Episcopal School was created, more than 4,000 young men and women have received their high school diplomas from this institution. As Rev. Jett put it, this is work that brought them "Toward Full Stature" in their moral, intellectual,

spiritual, and physical lives. Those students have gone on to contribute to our society in a variety of ways—as business leaders, educators, government officials, lawyers, doctors and nurses, and of course, the clergy.

From its single Georgian Revival building designed by noted architect Frederick H. Brooke, Virginia Episcopal School has grown to include 15 buildings on campus and eight athletic fields. Of historic note, Virginia Episcopal School became the South's first private prep school to integrate in 1967. In 1986, the school became one of the first all-male prep schools in the South to accept females as students.

There are 230 students enrolled for the 2015–16 academic year at Virginia Episcopal School. They come from a much wider area than those young men from Virginia who first walked through the doors of the original school in Lynchburg. Today's students have their homes in 20 states and foreign countries. As an important institution of learning in Virginia's Sixth Congressional District, I commend Virginia Episcopal School as it celebrates 100 years of work in developing students "Toward Full Stature," and I wish the school and its leaders much continued success in their worthy mission.

COMMEMORATING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE U.S. AIRBORNE RECONNAISSANCE MISSION INTO BERLIN, GERMANY

HON. DEVIN NUNES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NUNES. Mr. Speaker, Tuesday, September 29th marks the 25th anniversary of the last covert U.S. airborne reconnaissance mission flown into Berlin, Germany, by the U.S. Air Force aircrews affectionately known as the "Berlin for Lunch Bunch." From the beginning

of the Cold War, these aircrews flew combat reconnaissance missions within the Russian-controlled airspace of the Berlin access corridors and the Berlin Control Zone. From 1946 to 1990, these Airmen conducted over fifteen thousand unarmed reconnaissance flights, monitoring the massed forces of the Group Soviet Forces in Germany and the East German military. The highly modified aircraft flew low and slow over the many Soviet and East German military facilities, collecting photographic and other intelligence that provided NATO the indications and warning information necessary to prepare for a Central European war. Their accomplishments are truly part of our proud American and allied intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance history, and it is my honor to acknowledge their sacrifices for all of us.

Thank you, and well done "Berlin for Lunch Bunch!"

JOHN GERMANY

HON. KATHY CASTOR

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Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of an extraordinary leader of the Tampa Bay community, John Germany. His remarkable career in public service and his many contributions to our community are worthy of recognition by all.

John Germany was born in 1923 in Plant City, Florida. As a young man, John Germany served his country in the U.S. Army as a tank commander during World War II. During the war, he led his platoon to the gates of the Ebensee concentration camp in Austria and helped liberate the camp. After the war, he graduated from Harvard Law School and returned to Florida to begin practicing law.

John Germany served as the Chief Legal Advisor for Legislative Affairs to Florida Gov-

ernor LeRoy Collins. During his tenure, he was an early and important supporter of establishing the University of South Florida and would later go on to serve as the Board of Trustees President. John Germany's critical role in founding the University of South Florida earned him the University Medallion for Community Service in 1966 and the President's Fellow Medallion in 2012. Today, the University of South Florida is an economic engine in our community and top research institution in the nation.

Not only has John Germany impacted the Tampa Bay community with this dedication to the law, he has also strengthened our community through his support of local organizations and his dedication to educating youth. In 1961, he was elected President of the Friends of the Library of Tampa-Hillsborough County. As President of the organization, he spearheaded efforts to fund and build a library in downtown Tampa which opened in 1966. In recognition of his role in founding the library, in 1999 it was named "The John F. Germany Library." His excellence in his legal work and commitment to community service earned him the 2006 Outstanding Lawyer Award by the Hillsborough County Bar Association, an award given to those who excel in the areas of law and community service. Even after learning of his cancer, John Germany donated \$100,000 to the library system that will continue to fund the John Germany Youth Reading Initiative into the future.

John Germany will be forever remembered as a leader in the Tampa Bay community who was passionate about the law and the advancing youth education. Born into the Greatest Generation and a leader in shaping our great City of Tampa, he was a true pillar in our community. On August 26th, 2015, he passed away at the age of 94. Mr. Speaker, I join the Tampa Bay community in honoring John Germany for his lifelong service to the State of Florida.