

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF A.L. BROWN
HIGH SCHOOL WINNING THE
"BATTLE FOR THE BELL"

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2015

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the A.L. Brown High School Wonders football team for its victory over the Concord High School Spiders in the "Battle for the Bell" football game.

In the 85th meeting between these two rival football programs, A.L. Brown earned a hard-fought victory over Concord by a score of 26–15. The Wonders took an early lead in the first quarter with a 24-yard pass from quarterback Damon Johnson to wide receiver Dominique Washington, but Concord answered in the second quarter with a Keenan Black one-yard touchdown run to tie the game up at the half. The two teams traded touchdowns in the third quarter, but the Spiders had the lead going in to the fourth quarter after a successful two-point conversion. However, the Wonders would answer in the fourth quarter with two touchdowns to recapture "The Bell" and take it back to A.L. Brown High School, located in Kannapolis, North Carolina.

This is the first victory for A.L. Brown over Concord in three seasons, with Concord holding the slight overall series edge at 42–39–4. In addition to being the 85th game played between these two schools, this game made history by being the first ever game in the state of North Carolina to be televised live, according to the Charlotte Observer. Having gone to the game myself, I can confirm this was a game worthy of the distinction. Both teams played extremely hard, and both fan bases should be proud of the effort and skill displayed by both teams.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in congratulating the A.L. High School football team for its victory over Concord High School in the "Battle for the Bell" football game.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARK TAKAI

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2015

Mr. TAKAI. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, October 27, 2015, I was absent from the House due to illness. Due to my absence, I am not recorded on any legislative measures for the day. I would like to reflect how I would have voted had I been present for legislative business.

Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on Roll Call 570, Motion on Ordering the Previous Question on the Rule providing for the consideration of H.R. 1090.

I would have voted "no" on Roll Call 571, the Rule providing for the consideration of H.R. 1090.

I would have voted "yea" on Roll Call 572, Motion on Ordering the Previous Question on the Rule providing for the consideration of H.R. 597.

I would have voted "yea" on Roll Call 573, the Rule providing for the consideration of H.R. 597.

I would have voted "yea" on Roll Call 574, the Lynch Amendment to H.R. 1090.

I would have voted "no" on Roll Call 575, final passage of H.R. 1090.

I would have voted "yea" on Roll Call 576, final passage of H.R. 597.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 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 \$18,152,603,664,891.43. We've added \$7,525,726,615,978 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.

TRIBUTE TO MAXINE BERMAN

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2015

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a remarkable person from my home state of Michigan, Maxine Berman, who is being inducted into the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame on October 29, 2015. Maxine and nine others will join pioneering women including civil rights pioneer Rosa Parks, former First Lady Betty Ford, the Queen of Soul Aretha Franklin, and the longtime dean of the White House press corps Helen Thomas, who have been previously inducted into the Women's Hall of Fame for their contributions to my home state and to our nation.

Maxine Berman served in the Michigan House of Representatives from 1983 to 1996, where she earned a reputation for her intelligence, her thoughtfulness about public policy, and for her candor. She was also known for her steadfast commitment to women's health and reproductive freedom, including authoring a bill to require accreditation for mammography facilities and successfully lobbying the federal government to establish national standards. Maxine was also outspoken about challenges she and other women experienced in the State Legislature. In 1994, near the end of her tenure in the Michigan House, she published a book about this experience—The

Only Boobs in the House Are Men: A Veteran Woman Legislator Lifts the Lid on Politics Macho Style—which made waves then and is still cited today, more than twenty years later.

After a few years away from government, Rep. Berman joined the administration of Governor Jennifer Granholm, where she served as director of special projects. In this position, Maxine was a powerful public advocate for vital issues including women's health and reproductive freedom, affirmative action, and stem cell research, and she led the Granholm Administration's effort to encourage local governments to collaborate in providing services to their residents. Her leadership was recognized by Central Michigan University, who appointed Rep. Berman to be the Griffin Endowed Chair in American Government from 2009 to 2013. This prestigious position is named for former U.S. Senator Robert Griffin and his wife Marjorie, and has been held by notable political leaders from both political parties since its inception.

Her many accomplishments do not capture the influence that my dear friend, Maxine, has had throughout—and since—her years of public service. Maxine is always willing to lend an ear or a hand to talented people who want to serve, and Michigan has benefitted from the leadership of the countless women to whom Maxine has served as a mentor, confidante, policy advisor and coach. She remains committed to good public policy and grassroots activism.

Mr. Speaker, it is truly fitting that Maxine Berman will join other notable women of Michigan in the Women's Hall of Fame. I encourage my colleagues to join me in congratulating her, and in thanking her for her leadership and significant contributions to Michigan and to the nation.

IN HONOR OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF KANNAPOLIS' 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2015

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize First Baptist Church of Kannapolis for their 100-year anniversary.

Located in Kannapolis, North Carolina, First Baptist Church has been a staple of the community throughout their 100-year history. Under the stewardship of Rev. Dr. Claude Forehand II, First Baptist Church has been a beacon of hope in our community through service projects and events, and has provided the congregation with opportunities to develop as individuals through prayer, worship and educational workshops.

On Friday, September 25, 2015, First Baptist Church of Kannapolis officially celebrated their 100-year anniversary with an event filled with fellowship and worship. The event included remarks from special guest speaker

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Rev. Dr. Haywood Gray, who serves as Executive Secretary of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

I would like to commend First Baptist Church of Kannapolis for their 100 years of service and dedication to our community, and I wish them well as they begin their journey towards the next 100 years.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in congratulating First Baptist Church of Kannapolis on the occasion of their 100-year anniversary.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF HAROLD
"LEFTY" ENCARNACION

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.
OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2015

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to pay tribute to a devoted community leader, respected businessman, and loving father, husband, and dear friend, Harold "Lefty" Encarnacion. Sadly, Lefty, as he was affectionately known, passed away Tuesday, October 13, 2015. A candlelight vigil was held the very next evening with over 100 members of the community in attendance to share stories and give remembrance to Lefty and his service to the Columbus, Georgia community. A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, October 28, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at Ambassadors of Christ Fellowship in Columbus, Georgia.

Harold "Lefty" Encarnacion was born on May 10, 1953 in the Bronx, New York to Puerto Rican immigrants. He worked as a maintenance supervisor at Fort Hamilton in New York and ran a small nightclub. Looking for a safer and more peaceful place to raise their family, Harold and his wife, Millie, moved to Columbus, Georgia in 1983.

Upon arriving, Harold worked numerous jobs, including cab driving. Millie was a manager at a food market. After noticing a lack of resources for the Latino population of Columbus, Harold and his wife opened their own grocery store called Millie's International Market in Columbus, which sold a variety of ethnic foods and seasonings. The store quickly became a staple in Columbus, as well as a community center for the area's Hispanic and Caribbean populations.

Although Millie's was successful in bringing together the Latino community of Columbus, Lefty believed there was more to be done to unify and empower this segment of the population. He managed Columbus' only Hispanic radio station, UNIDOS 107.7 FM until it closed in 2014. But in 2013, after many years of planning, Lefty partnered with Columbus City Councilor, Mimi Woodsen, to launch the inaugural Tri-City Latino Festival.

The Tri-City Latino Festival is a tremendously successful celebration, and now a tradition, that brings together the Latino communities in the Chattahoochee Valley to celebrate this vibrant culture. It shows that this is an area that thrives on its diversity and unites members of the community to honor the struggle, sacrifice and success of their ancestors from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America.

Lefty was a beloved community leader and pioneer and his contributions to the city of Columbus will be remembered for years to come.

More so, his kindness and emphatic resolve to push his community forward will live on through those who knew and loved him. On a personal note, I am proud to have called Lefty my friend of many years.

Mr. Speaker, my wife Vivian and I, along with the more than 700,000 residents of the Second Congressional District, salute Harold "Lefty" Encarnacion for his efforts to empower the Latino population of Columbus, Georgia and his everlasting commitment to his community. I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join us in extending our deepest condolences to Lefty's family and friends during this difficult time. We pray that they will be consoled and comforted by an abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks and months ahead.

CONNIE REELED IN THE GOLD

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2015

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Connie O'Day from Pearland, Texas for winning this year's Islamorada Light Tackle Tournament.

The Islamorada Light Tackle Tournament is one of several fishing tournaments put on by the International Women's Fishing Association. Connie proved her skill in what used to be a male-dominated sport. During the tournament, all of the contestants braved the strong winds, but it was Connie's team that won the day. Her boat, guided by Captain Mark Gilman, beat the elements and the rest of the competition by catching the most fish. Now, I have to ask, when does Pearland get to go to the O'Day house for some fresh fish?

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Connie for winning the tournament and bringing the gold to Pearland.

RECOGNIZING DR. WILLIAM (BILL)
T. STANLEY

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2015

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this time to recognize the life of Dr. William (Bill) T. Stanley. Born in Lebanon, Bill grew up in Kenya and moved to the United States with intentions of becoming an animal scientist.

Bill was in charge of some 29 million objects and specimens at the Field Museum in Chicago. Scientists and students would reach out to Bill for his resourcefulness in their respective fields of study. He helped many graduate students reach their potential with his assistance on their theses and dissertations. His knowledge and ability to explain specimens in detail motivated his audience to engage and learn.

Reaching his goals of becoming a mammalian researcher, Bill's character touched the lives of everyone he came in contact with. Bill was known not only for his research but also his ability to fill the room with his good spirits

and incredible sense of humor. Bill will be missed by his family, friends and the mammalian research community to which he devoted his life.

I would like to thank Dr. William T. Stanley for his strong leadership and contributions to the city of Chicago. His legacy will live on and may he rest in peace.

HONORING THE LIFE OF CHRIS
WEST

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2015

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Chris West of Concord, North Carolina, who passed away far too soon on August 22, 2015, after a four year fight with cancer. We send our prayers and sincerest condolences to his parents, Brian and Michelle West, the entire West family, his friends, and the Jay M. Robinson High School community.

Born on August 19, 1998, Chris dedicated his short life to serving others, even in the face of battling such a horrific disease. During his four year fight with Hodgkin's lymphoma, Chris has made national headlines for his selflessness and his desire to care for others. A prime example of Chris' selflessness is rather than celebrating a successful bone marrow transplant in a personal way, like many of us would, Chris performed 100 random acts of kindness for others in his community. During his struggle with cancer, Chris was never known to ask for anything; that is until his 17th birthday. The only thing Chris wanted for his birthday were birthday cards, and the community he gave so much to responded by sending him more than 10,000 cards.

In a recent People magazine feature about Chris' request for birthday cards, he was quoted as saying "I like going to the mailbox. It's just an exciting feeling and it makes me feel special." I can say, without a shadow of a doubt, that Chris was a special individual, and I hope he knew that every day of his life. Our community will greatly miss his kind heart and indomitable spirit, and he will be remembered as a shining example of the best among us.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in commemorating the life of Chris West, who in his short life taught us that no matter what difficulty life may throw at us, we should always take time to serve others.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2015

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, on October 23, 2015, due to unforeseen circumstances, I was not present to vote on H.R. 3762, the Restoring Americans' Healthcare Freedom Reconciliation Act of 2015, introduced by Representative TOM PRICE. Had I been present, I would have voted NO on final passage of H.R. 3762, roll call No. 568.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2015

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, on October 27, 2015, the House considered H.R. 3819, the Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2015. This act extends the Positive Train Control implementation deadline to December 31, 2018. The House passed H.R. 3819 by voice vote. Had this been a recorded vote, I would have voted no on H.R. 3819.

RECOGNIZING INDEPENDENT
AUDIO DRAMA**HON. JOHN KATKO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2015

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions of independent audio drama to our nation's culture and history. For over one hundred years, the dramatic scripts, compelling music, and sound effects of audio drama have resonated with listeners across various ethnic, financial, and geographic divides.

During the Great Depression, radio drama adaptations of novels and plays achieved widespread popularity as a means of increasing morale through such difficult times. With the increase in televised and video entertainment came the waning interest in radio drama. However, in recent years, the growth of independent media production has revived audio drama within the U.S. Independent audio drama is now providing aspiring as well as seasoned artists with a unique and sophisticated platform to reach diverse audiences.

I am proud to rise in recognition of independent audio drama as it continues to expand, exhibit the work of our talented rising artists, and impact the lives of countless Americans.

CONGRATULATING DR. ROBERT
KASE ON EARNING A GRAMMY
NOMINATION**HON. BILL FOSTER**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2015

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Robert Kase, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Saint Francis in Joliet, Illinois, for earning a Grammy award nomination in the category of Outstanding Jazz Solo for the track entitled "Dr. Doo Good." "Dr. Doo Good" is an original composition by Dr. Kase and is part of his recently released jazz quintet album titled *As We Gather*.

As *We Gather* was not only recorded at University of St. Francis's Digital Audio Recording Arts studio, it was engineered, mastered, and

produced by University of Saint Francis faculty.

Dr. Kase has an impressive background as an educator, administrator, business leader, and performer. His musical career includes touring with Sonny and Cher and playing alongside Frank Sinatra, The Temptations, Natalie Cole, and other musical legends.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Dr. Robert Kase in earning a Grammy nomination.

NATIONAL WORK AND FAMILY
MONTH**HON. ALBIO SIRE**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2015

Mr. SIRE. Mr. Speaker, today I am proud to discuss the importance of America's working families. October is National Work and Family month and an opportune time to discuss how Congress can better serve our working families. In almost three out of five married families with children, both parents work. Supporting initiatives like raising the minimum wage, ensuring equal pay for women, and allowing workers access to affordable childcare is vital to ensuring the success of our working families.

Raising the minimum wage is a critical step in closing the opportunity gap and building an economy that works for everyone. By raising the minimum wage, we can restore fairness for working men and women across the country. No hard working American should be forced to raise their family in poverty, but unfortunately the current minimum wage allows for just that. An increase in the minimum wage is not only the moral thing to do, but it would also provide a much-needed boost to our economy.

Equal pay issues affect all workers in this country trying to provide for their families. Women make up 47% of the workforce and bring home 44% of the family income, yet they earn 77 cents for every dollar earned by men. As women continue to make up a larger segment of our Nation's workforce, it is imperative that we ensure that pay disparity is related to job-performance instead of gender. Stronger protections and enforcement will lead to a more successful female workforce that is not bogged down by discrimination.

Ensuring access to childcare and early education for working families is important to their success. The lack of good, affordable preschool and childcare options have huge impacts on working families, with a significant disadvantage to low-income families. Childcare and early education options allow for parents to continue working and provide children with a strong foundation. Yet, many low-income working families are not able to afford childcare and have difficulties receiving assistance, even though they may be eligible. Providing greater access to childcare and preschool is a crucial step towards ensuring job retention among parents while offering a foundation for children.

Employing policies that ensure that all working families are afforded a fair chance to suc-

ceed should be something that Congress strives to achieve. I look forward to working with my colleagues to address these issues.

TRIBUTE TO GLEN AND SUSAN
TRAVIS**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Glen and Susan Travis of Thurman, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married on September 24, 1965.

Glen and Susan's lifelong commitment to each other and their children, Vicki, Scott, and Kari, and their grandchildren, truly embodies our Iowa values. It is families like the Travis family that make me proud to call myself an Iowan and represent the people of our great state.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this special couple on their 50th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

RECOGNIZING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE TULLY HILL
CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY TREATMENT
CENTER**HON. JOHN KATKO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2015

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 25th anniversary of the Tully Hill Chemical Dependency Center in Tully, New York. The Tully Hill Chemical Dependency Center opened in 1990 to provide quality detoxification and inpatient rehabilitation services to the Central New York community. Tully Hill began outpatient treatment services in 1996 and continues to provide chemical dependency treatment to individuals in need in the 24th District.

As a former federal prosecutor in Syracuse, NY, I saw the direct impact chemical dependency and addiction has on the safety, health, and success of our community. Chemical dependency centers, such as Tully Hill, are crucial to the reduction of chemical dependency throughout Central New York. Centers, such as Tully Hill, help Central New York individuals and families in their time of need to regain their health and lead positive lives through comprehensive, safe treatment.

I am proud to recognize the Tully Hill Chemical Dependency Center and congratulate the Center on the achievement of its 25th anniversary. On behalf of Central New York and the more than 17,000 patients and their families that Tully Hill has helped in their efforts to achieve and maintain sobriety, I want to thank the Tully Hill Chemical Dependency Center for their work in our community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2015

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, yesterday the House of Representatives voted on the Retail Investor Protection Act, which passed by a wide margin of 245–186. Allow me to make a clarification on my vote. I fully support this legislation and meant to vote ‘yea’ on final passage, not ‘no’. Unfortunately, by the time I noticed the error, the vote had closed and I was unable to correct it. Voting ‘no’ was not my intention.

I am pleased the Retail Investor Protection Act passed the House with broad support. Like many of my constituents, and others across the country, I have serious concerns about the negative impacts that the Department of Labor’s proposed ‘fiduciary rule’ will have on the retirement savings options available to employees. I believe that the Retail Investor Protection Act properly addresses these concerns and contributes to the financial security of millions of Americans.

On October 26, 2015, I joined my House colleagues on a letter to the Secretary of Labor that urged the Department to withdraw the proposed rule and commit to a process that avoids the arbitrariness, uncertainty, and inadequate analysis embodied in the proposed rule. I remain fully committed to these views and support the entirety of the Retail Investor Protection Act.

RECOGNIZING MR. STEPHEN LARSEN, UPON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2015

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to thank Dr. Stephen W. Larsen, President of the Hartford Healthcare Behavioral Health Network, for 25 years of devotion to improving the continuum of mental health services in Connecticut. With more than 40 years of experience in behavioral health and healthcare management, Steve has been an invaluable resource to Hartford Healthcare and the community at large. He has accompanied the organization through many periods of growth and change, including Hartford Healthcare’s acquisition of Natchaug Hospital and their expansion to reach even more of Connecticut’s residents by opening nine satellite hospitals throughout the state. Under his watch, the Behavioral Health Network expanded to offer more services than ever before, including in-home psychiatric services and a treatment program for adolescent girls involved in court proceedings.

During his career, Steve’s work stretched all across eastern Connecticut, a very diverse population with many mental health needs. Steve demonstrated a remarkable sensitivity to this diversity, which as the Congressman for that region I admire greatly. In particular, Steve successfully spearheaded an effort to give Medicaid patients from Windham County opportunity to receive care for mental illness at Windham Hospital and Natchaug Hospital,

rather than New Haven or Hartford. This was a very competitive national process that Steve successfully navigated.

A testament to his achievement and vision, Steve was appointed by the Governor to the Connecticut Behavioral Health Partnership Oversight Council. He is a corporator of Lawrence & Memorial Hospital and serves on the East Lyme Board of Finance and received the National Association of Psychiatric Health Systems’ 2010 Grassroots Leadership Award for his work in elevating the importance of grassroots advocacy within the association. He has advocated tirelessly for increased coverage and funding for quality mental health services on a federal, state and local level. Adding to his many awards and recognitions, Steve received the 2015 American Hospital Association Connecticut Grassroots Champion Award.

Although Steve will be retiring at the end of this year, the effect of his decades of devotion to the mental health horizon in Connecticut will be felt for years to come. I ask my colleagues to please join me in wishing Dr. Stephen Larsen a restful and enjoyable retirement.

DIRECT SELLING

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2015

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to be a founding co-chair of the Direct Selling Caucus, which was established in January and announced at a Direct Selling Association (DSA) event with participants and constituents from around the country.

As a full time student, direct selling provided me with the flexibility necessary to pay for college while in school. Running my own business was an extremely rewarding experience and served as great preparation for my career in public service. It is a vibrant sector of the economy that embraces entrepreneurship and helps people achieve their American dream.

More than 18 million Americans located in every state, Congressional district and community choose to become involved in direct selling. It contributes more than \$34 billion to the U.S. economy annually. As economic uncertainty places more emphasis on needed flexibility that opportunities to work independently provide, direct selling will continue to grow and prosper.

Just as important to the continued success of direct selling are the safeguards that the industry, through the Direct Selling Association’s leadership, put into place. They promote high standards of business ethics and consumer protection.

On October 29, 2015, hundreds of direct sellers from across the country will come to Washington, DC to emphasize the importance of direct selling to the economy and remind policymakers of the opportunity it provides to pursue meaningful independent work. I hereby request that October 29, 2015 be recognized by this House as Direct Selling Day.

HONORING THE HEROIC ACTIONS OF BRIAN BALLENTINE, TROOPER GARDNER, AND TROOPER JOHNS

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2015

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Brian C. Ballentine of Liverpool, New York and Troopers Michael L. Gardner and David A. Johns of the New York State Police. On September 5, 2015, Trooper Gardner and Trooper Johns, with the help of private civilian Mr. Ballentine heroically saved a 4-year old child.

On September 5, Trooper Gardner and Trooper Johns responded to an amber alert issued by the Vermont State Police while traveling on the New York State Thruway. As Trooper Gardner and Trooper Johns spotted a vehicle that matched the description of the vehicle in the amber alert they received a radio call advising that a private citizen, Mr. Ballentine, had called 911 to report that the van was in fact the suspected vehicle. With this confirmation Trooper Gardner and Trooper Johns were able to stop the vehicle and safely rescue the 4-year old child.

Trooper Michael L. Gardner is a 12-year veteran of the New York State Police. He has been stationed in Troops D and B and has been assigned to the New York State Thruway in Troop T since October of 2012. Trooper Gardner is currently stationed at State Police Syracuse in Dewitt, New York.

Trooper David A. Johns in an 8-year veteran of the New York State Police. He has been stationed in Troops B and D and has been assigned to the New York State Thruway in Troop T since October of 2009. He is currently stationed at State Police Syracuse in Dewitt, New York.

Mr. Brian C. Ballentine of Liverpool, New York has lived in the Central New York community his entire life and I am proud to recognize his exemplary actions in our community.

I am honored to recognize Trooper Gardner, Trooper Johns, and Mr. Ballentine for their heroic actions on September 5, 2015. The 4-year old girl is now out of harm’s way thanks to these three brave men. Trooper Gardner’s and Trooper Johns’s efforts in this situation exemplify the finest traditions of the New York State Police and I wish them continued success in their careers.

HONORING APOSTLE RICHARD D. HENTON

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2015

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Apostle Richard D. Henton who made his heavenly transition on October 22, 2015. Apostle Henton was called into the ministry in 1948 and rose to become one of the most prolific speakers of our day.

Apostle Henton served in ministry for 66 years, 50 of those as pastor of the 5,000 member Monument of Faith Church located in my district. Apostle Henton also founded the

R. D. Henton Breakthrough Ministries, a weekly program that aired on television, radio and online throughout the world and allowed Apostle Henton to touch the lives of millions across the globe.

This tremendous ministry permitted the world to know Apostle Henton's charismatic and captivating voice that brought breakthroughs for his members and the world at large and led many to know him not only as a faithful pastor but as their "TV Evangelist".

Mr. Speaker, Apostle Henton was a learned man who held three Doctorate of Divinity degrees and was the recipient of numerous certificates of merit. Apostle Henton was not only honored by our colleagues here in the House, but also with letters from presidents, and having been given keys to many cities.

Of his numerous awards, he was especially proud of two very special awards he was given in his hometown of Chicago, Illinois: The N'Digo Foundation's N'Faith Award and the Luminary Senior Citizen Hall of Faith Award presented by former Mayor Richard M. Daley.

Of his many accomplishments, Mr. Speaker, we must not forget that, ultimately, Apostle Henton was a family man and the father of four children who worked faithfully with him in the ministry.

Mr. Speaker, Apostle Henton will truly be missed by us all but I will always remember what an amazing pastor and friend he was. My thoughts and prayers are extended to his family, church family and many friends. No one can prepare for a loss; it comes like a swift wind, but, I take solace in the fact that he is now resting in the arms of our Lord.

IN MEMORY OF KAY ARNOLD

HON. DAVID A. TROTT

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2015

Mr. TROTT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of the Honorable Kay Arnold of Plymouth, Michigan for her extensive public service and unwavering commitment to the Plymouth community.

Kay had an unparalleled résumé, serving on the Plymouth Board of Trustees since 1992 and the planning commission since 1996. Her accomplishments in these roles include leading projects to improve the Ann Arbor Road corridor, Miller Park, and bridges in the township park. Colleagues often praise her independence in completing projects and willingness to always listen to residents' concerns. Plymouth Township would not be the same without Kay's work, and her influence will not be quickly forgotten. Kay also devoted time to volunteer work and was active with United Way, the Plymouth Community Arts Council, the Schoolcraft College Foundation, and the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce.

The Plymouth community will greatly miss Kay and her tireless efforts to improve her township. I express my condolences to her family, and to all who had the privilege of knowing her.

CONGRATULATING YANIS COFFEE ZONE FOR THEIR DESIGNATION AS THE 2015 SMALL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR BY THE JEFFERSON CITY AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2015

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Yanis Coffee Zone with being named 2015 Small Business of the Year by the Jefferson City Area Chamber of Commerce.

Yanis Coffee Zone, known for its Rocket Fuel house brew, has been serving customers since October 7, 2003. For the past twelve years, Yanis Coffee Zone has expanded from fifty customers to an average of four hundred patrons a day.

This award is based on a business' overall success accounting for innovation and creativity, growth, and involvement in community-oriented projects. Yanis Coffee Zone's owners and employees have shown dedication and commitment to the hard work that contributed to receiving this award. It is evident that Yanis Coffee Zone represents excellence within the business community and in serving their patrons.

I ask you to join me in recognizing Yanis Coffee Zone on receiving this outstanding award.

TRIBUTE TO DEBBIE WILLIS

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, this December, the Army Corps of Engineers will see an exceptional employee retire after 32 years of exemplary service to our citizens, communities, agencies and military men and women that the Corps serves.

Debbie Willis lived in Idaho from 1999 to 2009, serving as the Project Manager in charge of the Walla Walla District's Boise office. During that time, she represented the "First and Best" door to the Corps of Engineers, Walla Walla District. Debbie always provided a "can-do" attitude and worked tirelessly with her peers, local citizens, state and federal agencies, and private non-profits, to unlock remarkable solutions to difficult challenges that our communities faced in Idaho. In the words of one Idaho Mayor, she was our "Superwoman." These sentiments are shared by the countless individuals Debbie worked alongside to solve problems during her time at the Corps.

Debbie specialized with issues related to environmental improvements in urban and suburban flood-prone areas. She also worked with local communities to address the critical issues of water and wastewater infrastructure management and actively sought to involve community stakeholders in flood risk reduction and environmental habitat improvements along Idaho's valuable waterways and riparian areas.

In 2005 and 2006 she earned the honor of being selected from the ranks of the Corps of Engineers to serve as a Congressional Fellow and as a member of the staff for the House Energy and Water Development Appropriations Subcommittee. On May 24, 2006, Chairman of the Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee Dave Hobson recognized Debbie on the floor of the House of Representatives for her invaluable assistance in crafting the Energy and Water appropriations bill for fiscal year 2007.

Throughout her years of service to our country, Debbie served the Corps of Engineers in Georgia, South Carolina, Washington and North Carolina. She holds a Civil Engineering degree from North Carolina State University and has utilized her education and experience to help plan, engineer, and manage the construction of many large and complex military and civil works projects throughout the country and most recently for the U.S. Army Special Operations Command at Fort Bragg.

As a senior Corps project manager, she provided environmental restoration support to the Department of Energy at two of the Nation's largest nuclear facilities, the Hanford and Savannah River sites. Debbie also found time to use her expertise in a volunteer capacity by helping local communities in the southern U.S. assess and recover from damages caused by natural disasters. She traveled across the country and overseas, teaching management fundamentals and skills to Corps' employees and continues to be a mentor to many within the agency.

Debbie's last assignment has been as a Senior Project Manager for the Wilmington District, Corps of Engineers. Within that capacity, she has demonstrated extraordinary leadership and dedication supporting our service men and women at Fort Bragg. Over the past several years she has successfully managed the design and construction for both the Joint Special Operations Command (JSOC) and the Security Operations Training Facility (SOTF) at that base.

Debbie's hard work and dedication to duty is a proud reflection of the Corp of Engineers and her support for our nation's military. Her performance awards serve as a testament to more than three decades of exceptional service and selfless dedication to this country. I congratulate Debbie Willis on her retirement and wish her and her husband Brayton well in future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL J. HEID

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

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Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a distinguished Urbandale, Iowa resident and industry leader, Michael J. Heid. Mike is a widely respected mortgage industry executive with Wells Fargo, whose mortgage business is headquartered in West Des Moines, Iowa. Mike recently announced his retirement after an impactful and successful 30-year banking career that culminated in spending the last eleven years as President of Wells Fargo Home Lending.

In addition to managing 40,000 employees across the country, Mike has been a leader in

shaping housing policy while helping the industry navigate the unprecedented challenges of the past decade. He devoted a great deal of his time to bringing together divergent views on housing finance reform and has spent hours acting as a valuable subject matter resource to policymakers on Capitol Hill along with multiple Administrations.

A frequent visitor to the nation's capital, Mike has been referred to as the "go-to source" in Washington for housing policy matters. He has testified before Congressional committees on numerous occasions and is known for his thoughtful approach and his in-depth and unbiased knowledge of the housing industry.

A native of Wisconsin, Mike joined Wells Fargo in 1988. During his twenty-seven years at the company, he has led the servicing function and acted as CFO before becoming president of the mortgage business. Wells Fargo was the nation's largest home lender during his tenure. But Mike hasn't always been perched at the top of the mortgage industry. He started at a small mortgage bank whose cash flow was so poor, that he determined he would have to sell the furniture to stay afloat. Mike draws his strength from his family; his wife, his son and his daughter. He now has extra incentive to spend more time with his family, having two granddaughters living in the Des Moines area. Full-time grandparent sounded awfully inviting to Mike.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud Mike's dedication to the greater Des Moines community, and his steadfast commitment to bringing the American dream of home ownership to so many. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Mike and wishing him and his wife Diane nothing but the best as they plan this new chapter in their lives.

HONORING ANNE SAMSON

HON. MARK MEADOWS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2015

Mr. MEADOWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the legacy of Anne Samson. Anne was a selfless philanthropist who dedicated her life to serving her family and community.

A daughter of Hungarian Holocaust survivors, Anne was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. Anne's love for Israel and the Jewish people illuminated much of her work. Anne and her husband, Lee, actively served within the Jewish community and volunteered in Israel following the Six-Day War. Anne's philanthropy and selflessness touched many families, synagogues, and organizations. In her memory, the Samson family has helped establish the Anne Samson Memorial Fund which will provide assistance to the Jerusalem Journey summer program, in which hundreds of public school students have their very first Israel experience.

Anne's life demonstrated that it is often the quiet leader who is the most impactful. She led by example, motivated by her strong convictions and Jewish faith. Beloved by her family and community, Anne's legacy lives on in her children and grandchildren who carry on her graciousness, hospitality and dedication to service. It is my honor to commemorate Anne Samson's memory today.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO ELLEN ROSENTHAL FOR HER OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO CONNER PRAIRIE

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2015

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ellen Rosenthal on the occasion of her retirement. For 10 years Ellen has served as President and CEO of Conner Prairie Interactive History Park, a beloved destination of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District located in Fishers, Indiana. Conner Prairie flourished under Ellen's leadership, and Hoosiers are eternally grateful for her contributions.

Ellen has a long history developing museums and exhibits. She planned the opening of historic houses at the Minnesota Historical Society in St. Paul, Minnesota and at the Frick Art and Historical Center in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She also served as curatorial director for the American History Workshop in Brooklyn, New York, where she managed projects for the National Museum of American History, South Street Seaport Museum, and National Endowment for the Humanities. In 1999, Ellen began her career with Conner Prairie as Vice President of Internal Affairs, assumed a leadership role in 2003 when she was promoted to Executive Director, and in 2005 became President and CEO. Since then, Ellen played an integral role in transforming Conner Prairie from a traditional living history museum into the independent, immersive, and interactive history park it is today.

At the beginning stages of Conner Prairie's transformation, Ellen redefined the museum's mission to "inspire curiosity and foster learning about Indiana's past by providing engaging, individualized and unique experiences." She has a passion for creating and developing museums that offer active engagement and learning that transcends generations and strategic, data-driven decision making. A wonderful example of Ellen's vision put into action is the opening of the outdoor experience "Civil War Journey: Raid on Indiana," which used historical actors, sounds, and sets to place visitors in the middle of a southern Indiana Civil War battle. Her unique approach to focusing on experiential learning and guest immersion as well as her incomparable ability to build support and raise funds for new exhibits has resulted in more than a 240 percent increase in annual attendance. More than 360,000 guests visit Conner Prairie's historic grounds and indoor experiences annually.

During her tenure as President and CEO, Conner Prairie has received a number of honors and awards. Most notably, Conner Prairie was awarded the nation's highest honor for museums—the National Medal from the Institute for Museum Library Sciences. Conner Prairie also was selected as one of six museums nationwide to be featured as a magnetic museum, which is defined as "high-performance organizations that deliver tangible cultural and civic value and achieve superior business results." Under her leadership, Conner Prairie became a Smithsonian affiliate, the only museum in Indiana to hold such a distinction. Additionally, Ellen led the effort that secured a \$2.3 million National Science Founda-

tion grant in 2012 that empowers Conner Prairie to lead four American institutions in the integration of informal science experiments at historical sites and museums across the country.

Ellen's personal commitment to the community and success as a leader has not gone unnoticed. Governor Mike Pence is bestowing upon Ellen a Sagamore of the Wabash, one of the most prestigious honors in Indiana. She also received the Commitment to Creativity Trailblazer award from University High School (2014), the Torchbearer award from the Indiana Commission for Women (2013), was cited for Excellence in Innovation by the Indiana Innovation Awards (2012), named a Woman of Influence by the Indianapolis Business Journal (2008), and named a "Distinguished Hoosier" by Governor Mitch Daniels (2006).

As a personal friend and admirer of Ellen for over a decade, it is truly a privilege to honor her today for her many accomplishments. On behalf of the grateful constituents of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District, I congratulate Ellen on the occasion of her retirement. We congratulate her on her remarkable career and extend a huge thank you for all of the wonderful contributions she has made to Conner Prairie and the Hoosier community. I wish the very best to Ellen, her husband, Dr. Ted Logan, and her three sons, Daniel, Sam, and Paul as she enjoys a well-deserved retirement.

COMMEMORATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH, LITTLETON, NORTH CAROLINA

HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2015

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Oak Grove Baptist Church located in my congressional district in Halifax County, North Carolina in the town of Littleton. The Church was founded in 1865 by Reverend Lovely Brown, Sr. and several faith leaders who devoted themselves to spreading the word of God.

One hundred fifty years ago, Reverend Brown and his small congregation of parishioners gathered to worship under a "bush arbor." Through steadfast faith and an unwavering dedication to its mission of faith and service, Oak Grove has grown from those humble beginnings to become a pillar of hope for its congregation and a cornerstone of the Littleton community.

On April 2, 1966, the church was destroyed by a devastating fire. Pastor J.W. Wiley rallied the congregation and the community to rebuild. The following year, Oak Grove held its first service in the newly built "Heritage Sanctuary."

Oak Grove is pastored by Rev. Dr. Charles McCollum, Sr. where the church continues to prosper under his leadership.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Rev. Dr. McCollum, the parishioners of Oak Grove Baptist Church, and the residents of Littleton on this historic milestone.

TRIBUTE TO NICOLE ALDRICH

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the heroic actions of Nicole Aldrich, MSN, RN of Altoona, Iowa. On Sept. 18, 2015, VA Central Iowa Health Care System hosted a POW/MIA Remembrance Ceremony. The ceremony was running accordingly until mid-way through when the keynote speaker collapsed at the lectern.

Without hesitation, Nicole charged forward from the back of the room, announced that she was a nurse, and took charge of the situation. She immediately began CPR and then shouted for an AED. At this point her 79 year old patient was unconscious, but she dutifully continued CPR until the AED was used and the POW keynote speaker began to breathe on his own again. Nicole turned the patient onto his side and reassured him the EMT was on its way. Once in the ER, her quick actions were repeatedly praised and she was credited for saving the man's life.

Nicole is an eight year veteran employee of VA Central Iowa. She received her BSN degree from Grand View University and her Masters of Nursing in Leadership and Management from Walden University. She currently serves as the Nurse Manager for the Specialty Clinics/Diabetes Education/Oncology unit at the VA Central Iowa Health Care System.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor to represent leaders like Nicole in the United States Congress. I applaud her lifesaving efforts and I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in commending Nicole, thanking her for her efforts, and wishing her nothing but the best.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees

to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, October 29, 2015 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

NOVEMBER 3

9:30 a.m.
Committee on Armed Services
To hold hearings to examine the future of warfare. SD-G50

Committee on Foreign Relations
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Deborah R. Malac, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Uganda, and Lisa J. Peterson, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Swaziland, both of the Department of State. SD-419

2:30 p.m.
Committee on Foreign Relations
Subcommittee on Europe and Regional Security Cooperation
To hold hearings to examine Putin's invasion of Ukraine and the propaganda in Europe. SD-419

Committee on the Judiciary
Subcommittee on Privacy, Technology and the Law
To hold hearings to examine data brokers, focusing on whether consumers' information is secure. SD-226

NOVEMBER 4

10 a.m.
Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings to examine how gagging honest reviews harms consumers and the economy. SR-253

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the value of education choices for low-income families, focusing on reauthorizing the D.C. Opportunity Scholarship Program. SD-342

Committee on the Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Stuart F. Delery, of the District of Columbia, to be Associate Attorney General, Department of Justice. SD-226

10:30 a.m.
Committee on the Budget
To hold hearings to examine reforming the Federal budget process, focusing on a biennial approach to better budgeting. SD-608

2 p.m.
Committee on the Judiciary
Subcommittee on Oversight, Agency Action, Federal Rights and Federal Courts
To hold hearings to examine the American victims of Iranian and Palestinian terrorism. SH-216

2:30 p.m.
Joint Economic Committee
To hold hearings to examine ensuring success for the Social Security Disability Insurance program and its beneficiaries. SD-106

NOVEMBER 5

9:30 a.m.
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management
To hold hearings to examine agency progress in retrospective review of existing regulations. SD-342

10 a.m.
Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
To hold hearings to examine wildfire, focusing on stakeholder perspectives on budgetary impacts and threats to natural resources on Federal, state, and private lands. SR-328A