

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING MIKE SUGRUE

**HON. JEB HENSARLING**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Mr. Mike Sugrue for his service to our country. Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Mike Sugrue served at Bethesda National Medical Center in the early to mid 1960s.

As a Hospital Corpsman, Mike Sugrue was an enlisted medical specialist in the United States Navy/Marine Corps who also trained for battlefield conditions. During Corpsman Sugrue's tenure he became an instructor in the Cardio Pulmonary Lab where he trained numerous other corpsmen and doctors in arterial blood gas studies, bronchograms, bronchoscopers, as well as pulmonary blood gas studies. Corpsman Sugrue's service no doubt saved countless lives and prepared others to do the same.

Humbly, I echo the words of President Ronald Reagan, "We will always remember. We will always be proud. We will always be prepared, so we will always be free." And humbly, I offer my sincere gratitude to Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Mike Sugrue for his service and dedication that allow us the freedoms we enjoy today.

RECOGNIZING WARREN KRECH ON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER 40 YEARS IN THE RADIO INDUSTRY

**HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a constituent of mine, Mr. Warren Krech. "Mr. Jefferson City", has retired after 30 years in Jefferson City radio and over 40 years in the radio industry. Warren most recently spent his time entertaining listeners as the morning news and talk host on KWOS News Radio 950.

A native of South Dakota and graduate from the University of Minnesota, Mr. Krech found his love of radio while serving in the United States Army—specifically with the American Forces Radio & TV in East Africa. Warren and his family moved from Wisconsin to Jefferson City, Missouri in 1984. When Mr. Krech moved to Missouri, he worked for Frank Newell at KJMO. While some consider broadcasting to be a nomadic business, Warren wanted to settle his then young family in the Jefferson City community.

Throughout his radio years, Mr. Krech sat in the DJ chair, but found his niche when he was able to enter talk radio format. For 23 years, Warren has worked with John Marsh at KJMO and KWOS. During Operation Desert Storm, Mr. Krech and John Marsh, hosted a "Tape

from Home" at the local mall where people could come record their comments for friends and family who were serving in the military.

Mr. Krech is the current and three time winner of the News Tribune's "Readers' Choice" award for favorite local radio personality. Additionally, Warren is an active local emcee and speaker for charities including: Samaritan Center, Special Olympics, and Heart Association. Mr. Krech has been host of the Jerry Lewis MDA Telethon for 13 years on KOMU-TV.

With this retirement, Mr. Krech will now be able to spend more time with his wife, Marcia, who is a retired Jefferson City teacher. He has a daughter, Sarah, who lives in St. Louis and a son, Ben, who lives in Washington, DC. Warren also enjoys the St. Louis Cardinals, running, cycling, gardening, and his two cats.

I ask you in joining me in recognizing Mr. Warren Krech on his retirement. His commitment to the radio industry and his local community makes this a commendable accomplishment.

HONORING THE LIFE OF REAR ADMIRAL KEVIN FRANCIS DELANEY, USN (RET.)

**HON. ANDER CRENSHAW**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. CRENSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the service and life of Rear Admiral Kevin Francis Delaney, USN (Ret.), who defended our nation with distinction for 34 years as a member of the United States Navy. He died on April 7, 2015, but on June 10, 2016 we have yet another occasion to honor his service to our country and community. On that day, Hangar 1122 at Naval Air Station Jacksonville (NAS Jacksonville) will be named in Kevin's honor for his outstanding airmanship and courage, his exceptional stewardship of natural resources, and his leadership and concern for the sailors of the United States Navy.

I'd like to take a moment to share some of Kevin's accomplishments through the course of his career both in and out of uniform. His commitment to our country did not end with retirement: He used his quality leadership skills, infectious charismatic spirit, and deep-seated care for his fellow citizens and worked hard in our Jacksonville, Florida community to make it a better place.

Kevin was a proud Vietnam Veteran. He flew helicopter gunships on 686 combat missions in support of the Navy riverine forces and SEAL units in the Mekong Delta. For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action on one of those missions, Kevin was awarded the Silver Star. In all, Kevin received 98 awards and decorations of which 64 were for combat action and also included the Distinguished Flying Cross, 11 Single Action Air Medals, 26 Strike/Fight Air Medals, and six Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Crosses.

Kevin served in six operational aircraft squadrons, had multiple major staff assignments, and was air boss on the USS *Guadalcanal* off the coast of Beirut. His naval career included six command tours including two aviation squadrons, an aircraft wing, and NAS Jacksonville. Under his command, the base was selected as the Navy's top shore installation in 1991. Kevin was awarded the Legion of Merit as Commanding Officer of NAS Jacksonville for, among other things, enhancing the quality of life for all personnel and improving the profitability of morale, welfare, and recreation programs by 107 percent by utilizing a unique Treat Everyone As Myself (TEAM) approach.

Kevin's final command, headquartered at NAS Jacksonville, was as the Navy's Regional Commander for the Southeastern United States and the Caribbean. Rear Admiral Delaney was responsible for over 40 commands, including 17 major naval installations. He received the Navy Distinguished Service Medal for his work as the Commander. The accompanying citation says: A brilliant visionary, he built solid and ambitious professional partnerships with local community agencies.

Kevin came to our town in the military, but he remained as a veteran and became a great civic leader. He was recognized as one of Jacksonville's 10 Most Influential Business Leaders of the Decade in 2000. The list of volunteer activities of Kevin Delaney is both long and varied. He served on the boards of 19 area non-profit organizations and was past chairman or president of the following organizations: the Ronald McDonald House Advisory Board, Florida State College of Jacksonville Foundation, Rotary Club of Jacksonville, Northeast Florida Safety Council, United Way of Northeast Florida, and Jacksonville Beaches Chamber of Commerce. Kevin was appointed by the Governor of Florida to serve on the Florida Defense Support Task Force and also served on the U.S. Small Business Administration's National Advisory council, and on the National Board of Directors of The Wounded Warrior Project.

In 2014, Kevin was honored by the SBA as the Veteran Small Business Champion of the Year for Florida, by the Jacksonville Business Journal as a Veteran of Influence, and by the Jacksonville Regional Chamber of Commerce as the first member of its Military Hall of Fame. It was later named in his honor. Mr. Speaker, I ask you and Members of the House to join me in saluting the life and service of Rear Admiral Kevin F. Delaney, USN (Ret.).

RECOGNIZING THE GARY CRUSADER ON ITS 55TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure and admiration that I recognize

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The Gary Crusader, as the company celebrates its 55th anniversary, 55 Years Highlighting our Past and Crusading for our Future. In honor of this special occasion, an anniversary gala will be held in the Hangar at B. Coleman Aviation, located at the Gary/Chicago International Airport, on June 3, 2016. The keynote speaker for the event is critically acclaimed author and renowned scholar, Michael Eric Dyson.

The Gary Crusader is a weekly publication serving the City of Gary and the community of Northwest Indiana. Since its founding in 1961, by the late Balm L. Leavell Jr. and Joseph H. Jefferson, at the invitation of Kelly and Samuel Polk, the Crusader successfully upheld its mission, using its news pages to reflect on justice and equality for all people. In 1968, Mrs. Dorothy Leavell took over as editor and publisher of The Gary Crusader, after the passing of her husband, Balm Leavell. Throughout the years, Dorothy has been a strong, accomplished, and innovative business leader. The Gary Crusader is an active member of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA), a federation of the more than 200 African American-owned community newspapers throughout the United States. In 1995, Dorothy became the second female in history to become president of the NNPA for a two-year term and served at its president from 1995 to 1999. She also served as chairperson of the NNPA Foundation from 2006 to 2011. In August 2016, Mrs. Leavell will be inducted into the Hall of Fame of the National Association of Black Journalists. For her dedication to the City of Gary and the community of Northwest Indiana, Dorothy is worthy of the highest praise.

I would like to take the time to mention some of the inspiring leaders in Northwest Indiana who have worked with The Gary Crusader to bring about positive change and to inspire the community. They include former mayor of Gary Richard Hatcher, the late Lake County Commissioner Roosevelt Allen, The Gary Crusader's first female editor, the late Dolly Millender, State Senator Earline Rogers, and Mayor Karen Freeman-Wilson, who is the honorary chairperson of the 55th anniversary gala. I would also be remiss if I do not mention the respect my father John Visclosky had for Balm Leavell and the importance he attached to their wonderful friendship.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring and congratulating The Gary Crusader on its 55th anniversary. For the past 55 years, the staff and leadership have touched the lives of countless individuals through their unwavering commitment to the community of Gary and throughout Northwest Indiana.

JACK KNIGHT

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jack Knight for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Jack Knight is a 9th grader at Stanley Lake High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Jack Knight is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Jack Knight for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

TRIBUTE TO ELIZABETH (LISA) JOYCE FREEMAN ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AS DIRECTOR OF THE VETERANS AFFAIRS PALO ALTO HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

### HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the hard work and dedication of Lisa Freeman who retires today after many years of service to our nation's veterans.

For the last five years Lisa Freeman served as the Director of the Veterans Health Care System in Palo Alto, one of the largest, busiest veterans health centers in our country. She did the job with enthusiasm, efficiency and compassion. As director she was responsible for overseeing the complex needs of thousands of veterans, administering an annual budget of more than \$1 billion, a capital budget of \$2.67 billion, and organizing upwards of 7,000 staff and volunteers. She was so expert in doing her job that when the sad news of mismanagement at the veterans system in Arizona became public, it was Lisa Freeman that the Secretary of the VA tapped to make corrections in reforming the Arizona shortfalls. In the end, the entire VA health care system learned from her competence and management prowess.

But I best know Lisa Freeman from the yeoman's work she did to help create the first from-the-ground-up joint DOD-VA health clinic in my district.

For years the military community—veterans, active and retired military and their families—all knew options for health care were limited on the Central Coast in general and on the Monterey Peninsula, where there are numerous military installations, in particular. Under the leadership of the late Maj. Gen. William "Bill" Gourley, slowly a plan took shape to create a clinic that would serve the dual purposes of our active and retired military servicemen as well as our veterans. Lisa Freeman became an integral part of this effort and took over leadership of the effort as time went along, helping to coordinate the many federal sub-agencies necessary to make the dream of this clinic a reality.

I am happy to say the ribbon cutting for that clinic will be this October, in no short measure due to the perseverance of Lisa Freeman.

Mr. Speaker, Lisa Freeman will be missed by all of us who interact with the Palo Alto Veterans Health Care System. I am especially grateful to her for all she's done for the veterans in my district and across all of Cali-

fornia. I commend her to you and to our colleagues in the House and hope you will all wish her well as she leaves government service for a well-deserved retirement.

HONORING ERIN HURLEY

### HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Erin Hurley of Marin County, California, for her selection as the Classified Employee of the Year at the 2016 Golden Bell Awards Ceremony, presented by the Marin County Office of Education in collaboration with the Marin County School Board Association and other local civic organizations. An occupational therapist, Ms. Hurley has dedicated more than two decades to improving the health and welfare of students in Marin County.

For the past 15 years, Ms. Hurley has worked at Marindale Early Intervention, where she serves more than 100 students facing a critical time in their development. A student-centered professional, she advocates for appropriate placements and the implementation of strategies specific for each child. She also works to educate staff and parents on body mechanics and ergonomics for themselves and for their students and children.

Ms. Hurley works hard to develop relationships with each of the young people she works with. Along with understanding students' specific motor abilities and behavioral and communication goals, she makes an effort to create a comfortable and safe environment where students feel comfortable challenging themselves.

The Golden Bell Awards celebrate public education in Marin County by recognizing outstanding teachers and supportive community partners. Each year, they select an exemplary educator, classified employee, teacher, and trustee for recognition.

Mr. Speaker, it is therefore fitting that we honor and thank Erin Hurley for her contributions to students and public education in Marin County and California.

VALERIE GRASSO

### HON. RICK LARSEN

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary career of Valerie Bailey Grasso. Ms. Grasso retired earlier this year, concluding a remarkable 32 years of federal civil service with the Department of the Navy, the Library of Congress, and the Congressional Research Service (CRS). For the last 18 years, she has served as a defense acquisition policy analyst in the Foreign Affairs, Defense, and Trade Division of the CRS, rising to Specialist, the highest grade attainable. While at the CRS, she supplied Members of Congress, their personal staffs, and the staffs of congressional committees with consistently high quality insights, policy analysis, and historical context. I personally relied on reports she authored on topics

including rare earth elements, veterans employment, and surplus military equipment.

Ms. Grasso joined the CRS as a permanent staff member in 1998. She is the author or co-author of more than 30 CRS reports on a wide array of defense-related topics associated with weapon systems acquisition, defense contracting, the evolving defense industrial base, outsourcing of defense functions, contract competition, domestic material sourcing, and sealfit. Her works were widely read by congressional clients and contributed directly to the CRS' mission of informing the legislative debate. I served as co-chair on the House Armed Services Committee's 2012 Panel on Business Challenges within the Defense Industry. Valerie provided direct support to that panel and her insights and analysis were essential to the panel's work.

Valerie was also a long-time member and officer of the Congressional Research Employee Association (CREA), the collective bargaining organization representing the interests of those working at the CRS. She served on the CREA board for nearly a decade, from 2004–2013, where she was a member of the telework committee and the CREA bargaining team. In 2013, she was elected Vice-President of CREA, and for the last two years of her career she served as CREA's President. She has also been recognized for her work with the Library of Congress chapter of Blacks in Government.

I ask my fellow Members to join me in applauding Valerie Bailey Grasso for her lifelong commitment to supporting the nation and this body and in wishing her a long and enjoyable retirement.

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HONORING LGBTQ LEADERS IN  
THE TWIN CITIES

**HON. KEITH ELLISON**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the transgender, queer, lesbian, bisexual, and gay members of my community as we begin celebrating Pride. Every year, Twin Cities Pride selects outstanding leaders to helm the celebration. The 2016 Grand Marshals are Roxanne Anderson and D Rojas, and the Lifetime Champions of Pride are Minnesota Representative Karen Clark and Minnesota Senator Scott Dibble.

Both Grand Marshals have a long history of LGBTQ advocacy in the Twin Cities. Roxanne's dedication spans four organizations noted for their dedication to the most underserved segments of the community. Through providing healthcare access to trans individuals at the Minnesota Transgender Health Coalition, leading trans and racial justice initiatives at OutFront Minnesota, organizing trans and queer musicians of color at RARE Productions, and employing and serving the queer community at Café SouthSide Roxanne is one of the hardest-working and most effective trans advocates anywhere in the country. D Rojas is the president of Dykes on Bikes Minneapolis, a lesbian motorcycle club noted for its inclusivity. The group hosts dozen of events throughout the Twin Cities annually, attracting hundreds of LGBTQ participants. In recent years, D has escorted Minneapolis

Mayors Betsy Hodges and R.T. Rybak on her motorcycle at the Pride Parade.

The 2016 Lifetime Champions of Pride are highly effective leaders in the Minnesota Legislature who have worked extensively on equality. When Representative Karen Clark was first elected to the Legislature in 1980, there were only a few out elected officials nation-wide. Throughout her time in office, she has achieved countless successes for the LGBTQ community: including "Sexual Orientation" in the Minnesota Human Rights Act, expanding housing and healthcare for HIV positive individuals, and promoting social and economic justice. She is the longest-serving lesbian legislator in the U.S. Senator Scott Dibble became involved in politics in the mid-1980s, inspired to fight for the civil rights of the LGBTQ community. Since his election to the Senate in 2002, Senator Dibble has helped pass the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, the Safe and Supportive Schools Act, and numerous transportation and transit plans. Representative Clark and Senator Dibble were instrumental in gathering popular support to defeat the anti-marriage ballot amendment in 2012. Their tireless advocacy to engage Minnesotans culminated in the successful effort to legalize marriage equality statewide in 2013.

Twin Cities Pride also recognizes the contributions of organizations that are creating a more equitable and inclusive world. The Community Champions of Pride are the Minnesota Transgender Health Coalition, TransForming Families, and Out & Sober Minnesota.

Since marriage equality has become the law statewide and nationwide, some people hung up their coats and thought, "We're done!" As almost anyone in the community can tell you, that is absolutely not the case. LGBTQ individuals, and especially trans folks and people of color, face disproportionately high rates of homelessness, health issues, discrimination, and income insecurity. In order to achieve true LGBTQ equality, we need to continue focusing on the intersections of gender, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, income, immigration status, and other identities that highlight the despicable disparities in our state. I am proud these honorees have continued to fight on behalf of communities routinely excluded from advocacy or glossed over in public policy. They each demonstrate that when we stay engaged, when we turn out—we win. In the era of bathroom bills and legalized discrimination, it's more important than ever to make our voices heard—in the ballot boxes, in the halls of Congress, and beyond.

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HONORING MR. GARY HARRISON  
FREER

**HON. JEB HENSARLING**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Mr. Gary Harrison Freer for his courageous service to our country. Commander Gary Harrison Freer joined the United States Navy on March 12, 1967 after graduating from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

After completing Aviation Officer Candidate School and earning the Navy "Wings of Gold,"

Commander Freer was designated a naval aviator and qualified pilot of military aircraft. He requested training in the A-4 Skyhawk and in August of 1969 joined the attack squadron, VA-22, also known as the Fighting Redcocks aboard the aircraft carrier USS *Bonhomme Richard*. Commander Freer had an impressive flight record that logged 2,397 hours of military flight, carried out 103 missions in Vietnam and recorded 212 day and night carrier takeoffs and landings. Commander Freer finished his active duty in April of 1972, but served fifteen more years in the Reserves before transferring to Retired Reserves in December of 1989. Commander Freer was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Vietnam Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (Korea) and the Vietnam Campaign Air Medal S/F-9.

Humbly, I echo the words of President Ronald Reagan, "We will always remember. We will always be proud. We will always be prepared, so we will always be free." And humbly, I offer my sincere gratitude to Commander Gary Harrison Freer for his service and acts of bravery that allow us the freedoms we enjoy today.

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KIYLEE VALDEZ

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Kiylee Valdez for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Kiylee Valdez is a 12th grader at Warren Tech North and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Kiylee Valdez is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Kiylee Valdez for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

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CELEBRATING BENTLEYVILLE  
BOROUGH'S BICENTENNIAL

**HON. BILL SHUSTER**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Bentleyville Borough in Pennsylvania on its momentous achievement of reaching 200 years of existence.

Beginnings were humble for Bentleyville 200 years ago, when Sheshbazzar Bentley started selling lots of land in the beautiful Monongahela Valley for as little as 45 dollars. His original posting advertised "Bentleysville" as being surrounded by rich country, and having on site three wool machines, one gristmill,

and one sawmill, along with some building materials. Local rumor has it that George Washington once passed down the main road of this Washington County town, and two centuries later, Bentleyville has blossomed into a borough with unique character and beauty—a place I am proud to have in Pennsylvania's 9th Congressional District.

The borough of Bentleyville has benefitted greatly from its location in a strong coal mining region, and as such I am proud to highlight the borough's contribution to the rich history and heritage associated with coal mining. Over the past 200 years, Bentleyville has produced many generations of exceptional citizens, all adding their unique spirit, character, and successes to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

It is thus with great pride that I represent the remarkable citizens of past and present of the Bentleyville Borough and congratulate them on this significant milestone.

HONORING THE CAREER OF ROGER  
E. MILLER

**HON. BRIAN HIGGINS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career and legacy of service of Mr. Roger E. Miller, who is celebrating his retirement from the post as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Healthcare Programs. After 26 years of tirelessly serving the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, he leaves a legacy of incomparable dedication to communities across the country.

Roger Miller began his career as HUD's first staff member with a background in healthcare, holding a Master of Hospital Administration degree from the University of Minnesota. Prior to his role at HUD, Miller was Senior Vice President of York Hospital, a large teaching hospital where patient care costs were among the lowest in the nation.

Throughout his career, Roger E. Miller has maintained his devotion to healthcare through assisting in the expansion of Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital, and the construction of multiple healthcare facilities around Western New York, such as the Gates Vascular Institute, HighPointe on Michigan and the new Oishei Children's Hospital.

Roger Miller has been an integral part of the HUD Office of Healthcare Programs which administers the Section 232 Residential Care Facilities Program and the Section 242 Hospitals Program, together comprising a \$31 billion FHA portfolio of insured mortgages. Miller has led the OHP to improve its abilities to serve more communities across the nation while maintaining very low claim rates in both programs. In recent years, he has spearheaded a vigorous effort to implement Office-wide Lean Processing quality improvements and process reengineering, enabling OHP to better respond to emergent industry needs. Other notable career and personal achievements by Roger Miller include the launch of a large assisted living facility, a system of community health centers, a preferred provider health insurance company, and becoming a Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives. Additionally, Roger has chaired state hospital association

committees and served as an adjunct faculty member at York College.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for allowing me a few moments to honor the career of Roger E. Miller. I ask that my colleagues join me in expressing our congratulations on an accomplished career and to commend his dedication to his profession and improving the health of our communities.

RECOGNIZING CAN DO UPON THE  
OCCASION OF ITS 60TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. LOU BARLETTA**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the Community Area New Development Organization (CAN DO) upon the occasion of its 60th Anniversary. CAN DO is a private, non-profit, industrial and economic development corporation operating in Northeastern Pennsylvania. CAN DO has been doing great work in my hometown of Hazleton, and in fact my office back home is in the CAN DO building at 1 South Church Street. With a mission of improving the quality of life in the Greater Hazleton area through the creation and retention of employment opportunities, CAN DO's presence in Northeastern Pennsylvania has provided my constituents with the resources they need to secure meaningful employment and engagement in their communities.

In 1956, a small group of merchants and professional men believed that they could turn the tide on Hazleton's post-coal mining economic troubles. It was this spirit that fueled Dr. Edgar L. Dessen, the Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce, and a group of local civic and business leaders to create a community economic development organization, known as CAN DO. The organization's first fundraising initiative encouraged residents to donate a "dime-a-week," which they hoped would raise enough money to invest in new industries across the city. Growing up, I remember hearing stories of red lunch pails displayed around town to promote their fundraising effort, as well as the "Miles of Dimes" event, which saw men, women, and children place their dimes onto a strip of tape on Broad Street in downtown Hazleton. After this successful fundraiser and starting with the purchase of one industrial park, CAN DO now operates one corporate center and three industrial parks in Northeastern Pennsylvania, including Humboldt Industrial Park, which is one of the largest parks in Pennsylvania and an employer for over 10,000 constituents in my district. As mayor, I saw firsthand how CAN DO continued to grow throughout the region. They now offer a wide range of services to the community, such as infrastructure development, financial assistance, and resources for entrepreneurs.

CAN DO's commitment to the community in which they operate is evident through their receipt of numerous awards throughout the years. In 2006, CAN DO won a Best of Class Award for its 50th Anniversary video and commemorative book, and an Excellence Award for the marketing department's print advertisement placed in *Attaché* magazine. Also in

2006, CAN DO won the U.S. Green Building Council Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Award for a property in the CAN DO Corporate Center. In 2008, CAN DO was named Large Agency of the Year by the Pennsylvania Economic Development Association. These various accolades exemplify the superior service and community advancement provided by CAN DO, and I am confident that their continued engagement will be recognized for years to come.

Mr. Speaker, it is with gratitude and admiration that I honor the Community Area New Development Organization (CAN DO) upon the occasion of its 60th Anniversary. Time and again, CAN DO has exemplified the bond between private enterprise and community service through targeted initiatives and a commitment to excellence in Northeastern Pennsylvania. I wish to congratulate CAN DO on 60 years of meaningful community engagement, and look forward to witnessing the continued service provided by such a selfless and strategic organization.

TRIBUTE TO RABBI MARVIN M.  
GROSS

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Rabbi Marvin M. (Marv) Gross, who will be retiring as Chief Executive Officer of Union Station Homeless Services in June 2016.

Born in 1947, Marvin M. Gross was raised in Evanston, Illinois. He received his education from Amherst College, Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion and the Stanford University Graduate School of Business.

In the late 1960's, Marv began his lifelong service to the community by volunteering at the dairy of Kibbutz Givat Chaim, Israel for one year. He worked as an organizer for various political campaigns and the Vietnam Veterans Against the War, and as an organizer for the Jewish Council of Urban Affairs in Chicago, where he organized a ground-breaking conference on the mortgage and insurance industry and low-income and minority neighborhoods.

Mr. Gross began his studies at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York in the 1970's to become a Reform rabbi, and after his graduation, moved to California. He began serving as a congregational rabbi, leading congregations at Temple Sherith Israel in San Francisco, and later at Temple Sinai of Glendale. In his volunteer capacity, Rabbi Gross served as Social Action Chair of the Board of Rabbis of Southern California, as Co-Chair of Clergy United for Prophetic Action, a Black-Jewish clergy alliance, and played a key role in the organization of religious congregations in California to support California's Bilateral Nuclear Weapons Freeze Initiative. In addition, Marv was asked by the Government of Israel, along with a fellow rabbinical student, to visit the Soviet Union for one month in an effort to promote solidarity and contact with Soviet Jews who had submitted applications to emigrate to Israel.

In 1995, Marv Gross accepted the position of Executive Director of Union Station (now

called Union Station Homeless Services (USHS) in Pasadena, California, becoming Chief Executive Officer in 2008. USHS is dedicated to helping homeless and low-income families through their outstanding service programs operating throughout the San Gabriel Valley. The programs provide food, shelter, medical care, rehabilitation and job training for homeless and low-income families and individuals, assisting them through each step of the process, so they can become thriving members of society. Under Rabbi Gross' stellar leadership, USHS has expanded from a 36-bed shelter on Raymond Avenue to a successful homeless service institution that serves over 2,200 people each year.

In his more recent volunteer capacity, Marv has served on many boards and committees, including Flintridge Preparatory School, the Pasadena Police Foundation, and he is a staunch member of the Pasadena Rotary Club. A longtime Sierra Madre resident, Marv has three children: Becky, Daniel, and Tara.

Rabbi Gross has tirelessly committed his working life to profoundly improve the lives of the homeless community. His generosity, compassion and leadership have deeply benefited the lives of thousands of homeless individuals and families.

I ask all members of Congress to join me today in honoring Rabbi Marvin M. Gross for over two decades of extraordinary and unparalleled service to Union Station Homeless Services.

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HONORING EILEEN SMITH

**HON. JARED HUFFMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Eileen Smith of Marin County, California, for her selection as the Educator of the Year at the 2016 Golden Bell Awards Ceremony, presented by the Marin County Office of Education in collaboration with the Marin County School Board Association and other local civic organizations. Director of a California Math and Science Partnership (CaMSP) project that works with teachers across the county, Ms. Smith has nearly two decades of experience that have greatly benefited the preparedness and success of Marin County's students.

Ms. Smith has served in a variety of leadership roles in our community. As principal of Loma Verde Elementary School in the Novato United School District, she was recognized by several awards, including Principal of the Year in 2010 by the Marin County School Administrators' Association. In her current role as director of a CaMSP project, "Marin's Next Generation Collaborative for Science & Math," she has worked with more than six dozen teachers from 8 districts countywide, coordinating and providing intensive, ongoing professional development in math and science. The project is set to expand next year.

Throughout her career, Ms. Smith has been known and respected as an effective leader with a gift for educating teachers. She has pushed for increased and improved STEM

education at an early age, and has fostered relationships with leading scientific and educational institutions including the Exploratorium, Dominican University, the College of Marin, the University of California, Berkeley, and more.

The Golden Bell Awards celebrate public education in Marin County by recognizing outstanding teachers and supportive community partners. Each year, they select an exemplary educator, classified employee, teacher, and trustee for recognition.

Mr. Speaker, it is therefore fitting that we honor and thank Eileen Smith for her contributions to students and public education in Marin County and California.

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IN MEMORY OF GREG CONNELL

**HON. MARK SANFORD**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. SANFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Greg Connell, a stunt pilot from South Carolina, who unfortunately passed before his time while performing several weeks back in the Good Neighbor Day Airshow in Atlanta. Accordingly, I want to take a moment to offer my condolences to his wife, Ginger, as well as the host of additional family and friends he leaves behind.

It was the inventor Leonardo da Vinci who once said, "Once you have tasted flight, you will forever walk the earth with your eyes turned skyward, for there you have been, and there you will always long to return."

Greg's eyes indeed always looked up. The heavens were his domain, and it is to them that he has returned.

He followed in his father's footsteps and started flying back in 1989 at the young age of 13, and his love of flight was obvious in the way that he lived life. Indeed, he flew at the Annual Water Festival down in Beaufort, South Carolina on numerous occasions, and my brother, John, flew with him many times. At a personal level, I spent New Year's down at the farm watching him do what he loved best: fly.

And that he could. He made the impossible look all too easy. With grace and flair, he was mesmerizing in the way he took to the sky.

Greg's story is that of pursuing with passion a quest for excellence, and I think there is a lesson all of us can learn from within those pages. In his memory, I would ask that we take a moment today for reflection, and pause in asking how we live up to his model of excellence in all we do. For those of us who knew him, we will miss him. I look forward to our reunion in the heavens above.

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A FAIR PROCESS FOR ALL: VOTER  
INEQUALITY IS A PROBLEM

**HON. TERRI A. SEWELL**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge today as Restoration

Tuesday and once again, to speak on behalf of those whose voices have been silenced by the refusal of Congress to fully restore the federal protections of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Two weeks ago, I was honored to stand beside fellow colleagues Rep. MARC VEASEY of Texas and Rep. BOBBY SCOTT of Virginia and other Members of Congress to launch the Congressional Voting Rights Caucus. The Caucus is committed to restoring the Voting Rights Act of 1965 to its original state and restoring the vote to all the suppressed voices in this great nation. We will continue to stand together until we achieve our goal and make our election process fair for everyone once again. The right to vote should be easy for all eligible voters and not made more difficult for some of this country's most disenfranchised members.

It is a sad day in this nation when there are eligible Americans who cannot take part in the democratic process that we as Americans are all promised, just because they are unable to attain a photo ID. To some, this may not seem like a hard request or even a major problem. However, to the people in rural Alabama and in many rural areas all over the country—it is a tough request and it is a big problem. When your district closes over 30 DMVs—the most common location to receive a photo ID—this is a problem. When the nearest courthouse or DMV is 20 miles away and you don't have gas money, a car, or any public transport—this is a problem. When you do not have a birth certificate because you were delivered by a midwife and are told you are not able to vote, even though you are an American, born and raised—this is a problem. What is crystal clear is that these new suppressive voting laws are crippling the democratic process. This is an election year and the right to vote is under attack. An essential element of our democracy is corroding, and we indeed have a problem.

When a county systematically shuts down voting polls from 400 in 2008 to 200 in 2012 and then plummets to only 60 in 2016, the problem is clear. Maricopa County in Arizona forced voters to endure long lines and an arduous process to simply have their vote counted—to have their voices heard. To my fellow colleagues, I say maybe your district doesn't have long lines wrapped around the streets and maybe your elderly constituents can easily access their birth certificates. But my district and so many others do have real problems accessing the ballot box. If one person is denied the right to vote, it undermines the integrity of the entire voting process. We cannot forget about the millions of Americans who suffer from new suppressive voting laws around the country. We cannot sit back and simply say, "This is not my problem." When Americans are being suppressed and silenced, it is an American problem. This is still the United States of America, and we cannot stand strong when a significant portion of our country suffers in silence. A democracy means inclusion, not exclusion—America stands for equality, fairness and justice for all.

It is time we make the democratic process, democratic once again. Until every voice in this great nation is allowed to speak freely, without suppression, I will stand on this floor and speak in support of our Constitutional right to vote. I urge my colleagues to join me and 168 other members in support of H.R. 2867, the Voting Rights Advancement Act. It is time Congress restores the VRA.

HONORING MR. DOUGLAS WAYNE  
SATTERFIELD

**HON. JEB HENSARLING**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Mr. Douglas Wayne Satterfield for his courageous service to our country. A resident of Palestine, Texas, Corporal Douglas Wayne Satterfield was honorably discharged from the United States Marine Corps on May 3, 1968.

Corporal Satterfield enlisted in the USMC out of high school and served in at least a dozen operations in the unfamiliar terrain of South Vietnam. Corporal Satterfield participated in one of the first major offensive campaigns, Operation Hickory, by the Marines in "Leatherneck Square." Satterfield was badly injured in combat during the assault at Con Thien as he crawled along the ground to their targets. Quick response and actions from his squadron leader and corpsman probably saved his life as they stabilized him before he was taken by Chinook to a medevac station to undergo emergency surgery. Corporal Satterfield received decorations that included the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal with device, M-14 Rifle Sharpshooter Badge and the Purple Heart Medal.

Humbly, I echo the words of President Ronald Reagan, "We will always remember. We will always be proud. We will always be prepared, so we will always be free." And humbly, I offer my sincere gratitude to Corporal Douglas Wayne Satterfield for his service and acts of bravery that allow us the freedoms we enjoy today.

LUCY LEE

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Lucy Lee for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Lucy Lee is a 12th grader at Pomona High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Lucy Lee is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Lucy Lee for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

IN MEMORY OF MR. GENE  
BECKSTEIN

**HON. DOUG COLLINS**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the life of Mr. Gene Beckstein of Gainesville, Ga. Mr. Beckstein, also commonly known as 'Mr. B', was an inspiration to the people of our community. In 1989, he founded a mission for the homeless known as "Good News at Noon". Good News at Noon provides meals for dozens of men, women, and children, while also providing beds for 20 homeless men in our community. This mission also operates as a food pantry, providing more than 100 boxes of food a week, and offers summer school programs for children. This faith based ministry depends purely on the generosity of others, and 'Mr. B' was a great servant of the Lord. He was a Christ-like man who loved everyone equally. His work with the homeless community inspired people across Gainesville and Hall County to volunteer. Mr. Beckstein creates a meals program, such as Good News at Noon, because he was once homeless himself. He turned his life around when his high school baseball coach convinced him to use the GI Bill to fund his college education. 'Mr. B' went on to attend New York University, where he earned two master's degrees and spent the next 37 years teaching in the public school system. After retiring from his teaching career, Mr. Beckstein and his wife Margie began serving food to the homeless and later founded Good News at Noon. 'Mr. B' will be remembered for his humble-spirit, his inviting loving personality, and his ability to fulfill people with hope.

RECOGNIZING THE BLUE SKY  
FOUNDATION

**HON. LAMAR SMITH**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I want to recognize the Blue Sky Foundation and their President and Executive Director, Dick Stockton, on behalf of the work they are doing for our nation's veterans and servicemembers.

Drawing on his background in tennis, Mr. Stockton started a program within the Blue Sky Foundation called Thanking our Troops through Tennis or "T3". The idea behind the program was to thank the members of the United States Military and their families for the sacrifices they make on a daily basis, using the game of tennis as the vehicle to do so. Blue Sky has been taking the T3 program to various military bases over the last four years and has offered free tennis clinics to active personnel, spouses, children, Veterans and Wounded Warriors.

The program has been well received, averaging 100 participants per event. Since July of 2013, Blue Sky Foundation has hosted seventeen events at different bases around the country, including Andrews Air Force Base, Fort Bragg, Fort Benning, Camp Lejeune,

Randolph Air Force Base and Fort Jackson, among others. It has been a successful program and has the ability to continue to grow and benefit many more members of the military and their families.

In appreciation of all they have done, Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in thanking them for their efforts.

RECOGNIZING THE GARY NAACP'S  
51ST ANNUAL LIFE MEMBERSHIP  
BANQUET

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to stand before you today to recognize and commend the members of the Gary, Indiana, branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). On Saturday, June 4, 2016, the Gary NAACP held its 51st Annual Life Membership Banquet at the Genesis Convention Center in Gary, Indiana.

This annual event is a major fundraiser for the Gary NAACP. The funds generated through this event directly support the organization's many outstanding programs and advocacy efforts. Through its membership and the support of the community, the Gary NAACP is able to serve the people of Northwest Indiana and continue the mission started by the national organization in 1909 by working diligently to combat injustice, discrimination, and unfair treatment for all people in today's society. In addition, the banquet serves to update and keep the community aware of the NAACP's activities and to formally honor its new life members.

This year, the Gary NAACP honored the following outstanding civil, community, and religious leaders who have been recognized as life members. The Diamond Life members include: Father Pat Gaza, Cynthia Powers, and Mamon Powers Jr. The Gold Life members include: Stephen Mays, Nate Cain, Claude Powers, Charlie Brown, Dr. Stephen Simpson, and Gerri Simpson. The Silver Life members include: Charles Alexander, Sharon Chambers, James Muhammad, Larry Dillon, Sandra Dillon, Reverend Curtis Whittaker, Dr. LaShawn Whittaker, Reverend Anita Marshall, Rinzor Williams III, Esq., Alfred Holmes, Sharon Haney, Jeana Laurie Payne, Darian Collins, Braden Wilson, James Powell, Thomas Newsome, Ron Brewer, Linda Barnes-Caldwell, Marissa McDermott, Edward Lumpkin, Reverend Edward Turner, Roosevelt Haywood III, MacArthur Drake, Gordon Biffle, Richard Hardaway, Dolena Mack, Willie Miller Jr., Raymond Grady, Dr. Vincent Sevier, Dr. Angelique Brown, Shelly Majors, Matthew Doyle, Jana Bonds, Judge Clarence Murray, Vance Kenney, Tim Ceasar, Barbara Taliafero, Minnie Carter, Wendell Price, Faye Barnes, Reverend Dr. Virgil Woods, Florita Brown, Roy Hamilton, Dr. Marlon Mitchell, Milton Thaxton, and Reverend Regan Robinson. The Youth Life members include: Bryce Carter, Brooklyn Carter, Justin Cain, Julian Powers, Nadia Baria, Isaac Baria, Willie Miller III, Valencia Miller, Curtis Whittaker Jr., Imani Powers, Michael Ayden Walden, Kendell Jackson, Deondra Ann Briggs, Jazmine Neal,

Amya Myanna Luz Aviles, Marrell Tyler II, and Kelechi Greene.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in paying tribute to the newest life members of the Gary branch of the NAACP, as well as Stephen Mays, the current Gary NAACP president, Cynthia and Mamon Powers Jr., who are Honorary Chairs, and all members of the organization for their extraordinary efforts and tremendous leadership. These outstanding men and women have worked tirelessly to improve the quality of life for all residents of Indiana's First Congressional District, and for that they are to be commended.

HONORING ANDREW "ANDY"  
HYMAN

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Andrew "Andy" Hyman of Marin County, California, for his selection as the Trustee of the Year at the 2016 Golden Bell Awards Ceremony, presented by the Marin County Office of Education in collaboration with the Marin County School Board Association and other local civic organizations. A member of the Dixie School District Board of Trustees, Mr. Hyman has spent more than a decade advocating for and advising the district and its students.

As a member who served two terms as president of the Dixie School Board, Mr. Hyman has devoted thousands of hours on vital committees and efforts. He led a district-wide transportation committee to lower home-to-school transportation costs, and helped initiate green purchasing and recycling policies. Additionally, he led efforts to create the first district-wide anti-bullying policy, and has worked to improve nutrition in school lunches.

Mr. Hyman has been a consistent leader in our community across a range of issues affecting our schools. From organizing rallies to working with local legislators, he has been a consistent and effective voice for our students and their opportunities for success.

The Golden Bell Awards celebrate public education in Marin County by recognizing outstanding teachers and supportive community partners. Each year, they select an exemplary educator, classified employee, teacher, and trustee for recognition.

Mr. Speaker, it is therefore fitting that we honor and thank Andrew "Andy" Hyman for his contributions to students and public education in Marin County and California.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MIKE  
PONTIUS

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mourn the passing of Michael "Mike" Pontius, who served the city of Freeport, Illinois, as a firefighter for nearly 14 years before retiring due to injuries sustained on the job.

A dedicated firefighter and a loving husband and father, Mike had a warm and outgoing presence in his community. In addition to serving as a firefighter, he gave back to his alma mater, Aquin High School, throughout his life. When Mike wasn't cheering for the Aquin Bulldogs, he was rooting on the Chicago Cubs and the Chicago Bears. He is survived by his wife, Dawn, and his children, Josh, Jerek, Jordan, and Kirsten.

Mr. Speaker, as the wife of a sheriff, I know how important it is to support our first responders, and I am forever grateful for the service Mike provided to the Freeport community. While we commemorate Mike's life, and his dedication to his family and community, my thoughts and prayers are with his loved ones during this difficult time.

TRIBUTE TO CALVIN W. MCELVAIN

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Calvin W. McElvain of Des Moines, Iowa for earning the Gold Medal of Achievement Award of Iowa's Royal Ranger Outpost Number 35. The Gold Medal of Achievement designation is the highest advancement rank in the Royal Ranger Outpost based at Christian Life Assembly of Des Moines.

To earn this Gold Medalist rank, Calvin McElvain completed 47 skill merits, 213 Bible lessons, and 35 hours of community service. Beyond those opportunities, Calvin also completed a service project by transforming the Christian Life Assembly Church's modest fire ring into a first rate campsite with a mason fire ring and anchored benches.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this young man and his supportive family and community demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication, and perseverance. I am honored to represent Calvin McElvain and his family in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives will join me in congratulating him on obtaining the Gold Medal of Achievement ranking, and I wish him continued success in his future education and career.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call No. 229 on motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 4889, the Kelsey Smith Act, I am not recorded because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted NO.

Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call No. 230 on motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 3998, the Securing Access to Networks in Disasters Act, I am not recorded because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted YES.

Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call No. 231 on ordering the Previous Question on H. Res. 743, the

rule providing for consideration of H.R. 5055, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017; I am not recorded because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted YES.

Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call No. 232, on adoption of H. Res. 743, the rule providing for consideration of H.R. 5055, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017; I am not recorded because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted YES.

Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call No. 233, Ordering the Previous Question on H. Res. 742, the rule providing for consideration of House Amendment to Senate Amendment to H.R. 2576, TSCA Modernization Act of 2015 and H.R. 897, Zika Vector Control Act, I am not recorded because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted YES.

Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call No. 234 Adoption of H. Res. 742, the rule providing for consideration of House Amendment to Senate Amendment to H.R. 2576, TSCA Modernization Act of 2015 and H.R. 897, Zika Vector Control Act, I am not recorded because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted YES.

Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call No. 235 on motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 5077, the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017, I am not recorded because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted YES.

Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call No. 236 on Motion to Recommit with Instructions H.R. 897, the Zika Vector Control Act, I am not recorded because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted NO.

Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call No. 237 on passage of H.R. 897, the Zika Vector Control Act, I am not recorded because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted YES.

Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call No. 238, on concurring in the Senate Amendment with an Amendment to H.R. 2576, the Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act, I am not recorded because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted YES.

HONORING REVEREND PHARIS D.  
EVANS

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to stand before you and my colleagues today to congratulate Reverend Pharis D. Evans on his 55th anniversary as Pastor of Clark Road Missionary Baptist Church in Gary, Indiana. For his lifetime of leadership and tireless dedication to his congregation and to the community in Gary and beyond, he is worthy of the highest praise. In his honor, a celebratory banquet hosted by Clark Road Missionary Baptist Church will take place on June 13, 2016.

Pharis Evans graduated from Haywood High School in Brownsville, Tennessee. As a young boy, his passion for theology grew from the church services he attended, and he knew early on that he was destined to be a preacher. He studied theology at Chicago Baptist Institute and continued his studies at Calumet

College of Saint Joseph in Whiting. It was on the first Sunday in April 1961, when Pharis D. Evans was first selected to lead Clark Road Missionary Baptist Church. For the past 55 years, he has administered spiritual guidance to a congregation that presently serves more than 800 parishioners. Pastor Evans's impact through his spiritual teaching has been immeasurable, and those he has mentored can all attest to his generous nature. Throughout the years, he has been a tireless advocate for his church and the community. Since 1963, Pastor Evans has coordinated and maintained Radio Broadcast Outreach Ministry. From 2009 to the present, he has also served as "Spiritual Advisor" for the Baptist Ministers Conference of Gary and Vicinity, and in 2008, he was awarded the prestigious community service Drum Major Award by the Gary Frontiers Service Club. Additionally, Pastor Evans has served as President and Vice President of the Progressive National Baptist Convention for the state of Indiana and been a chaplain for the Gary Police Department. A passionate and proven leader, Pastor Evans has provided counsel for many young ministers in search of guidance and direction. For his selfless devotion to aiding those in need of spiritual guidance, Pastor Evans is to be commended.

Reverend Evans's exceptional dedication to the church and to his community is exceeded only by his devotion to his wonderful family. He and his beloved late wife, Ann, raised five wonderful children (one deceased), and have nine grandchildren (one deceased), and three great-grandchildren.

I am privileged and honored to call Pastor Evans my friend. More importantly, Reverend Pharis D. Evans has been a friend to all, the epitome of what we consider a Man of God. A man who has led a life we should all seek to emulate. His vision, his work, and his spirit have provided all of us with a guide to an improved and gentler future.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating Pastor Evans on his 55th anniversary as Pastor of Clark Road Missionary Baptist Church. For his lifetime of leadership and selfless service to others, he is to be truly an inspiration to us all.

JOE ANDERSON

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Joe Anderson for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Joe Anderson is a 12th grader at Warren Tech North and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Joe Anderson is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Joe Anderson for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have

no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

### IN CELEBRATION OF THE 50 YEAR REUNION OF THE DILLARD HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1966

### HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate 50 years since the Class of 1966 graced the halls of Dillard High School in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Dillard has a storied past and a bright future. Originally established in 1907 as Colored School Number Eleven, its opening marked the beginning of monumental African American achievements in South Florida. At that time, Fort Lauderdale was a farming region where locals found it unnecessary to educate African Americans past the sixth grade.

Two decades later the school progressed under Principal Dr. Joseph A. Ely, who added more classes and sought to educate African American students past the sixth grade. He was also responsible for the school's current name, a nod to James Harvey Dillard, a white educator from Virginia, who was a black education advocate.

In 1948, Dillard's well-known jazz program was led by Julian Edwin "Cannonball" Adderley, who later became one of the best known jazz musicians in America. Adderley brought new life to the school and helped instill the importance of jazz in the students. He taught jazz when it had not yet been accepted as a classical art form, and while he was teaching jazz he was also teaching Bach and Beethoven.

Due to an expanding community, the high school grades were moved to a new facility at 2501 N.W. 11th Street in 1950, where the Class of '66 attended and graduated. Dillard High School is now one of 62 high schools in the Broward County Public Schools and has become a magnet school open to all of Broward County, hosting three programs:

Performing & Visual Arts where students collaborate and work with artists-in-residence, and have the privilege of working side-by-side with the professionals at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts, the Fort Lauderdale Museum of Art and other local arts organizations.

Emerging Computer Technology which offers a state-of-the-art technology curriculum that complements students' core academic requirements utilizing computers and the latest technologies to develop higher level thinking skills, critical research and study, communication, and problem solving.

Digital Entrepreneurship Academy where students understand the essentials for successful business plan development, start-up and operation using digital arts, and using technology to create art, music, multimedia and animation.

Mr. Speaker, clearly all Panthers can be proud of the history and future of Dillard High School. It is my absolute pleasure to wish those Panthers celebrating their 50th high school reunion on June 18, 2016, a joyous and spirited reunion.

### IN RECOGNITION OF JIM PROCE ON EARNING THE AMERICAN PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION PUBLIC WORKS LEADER AWARD

### HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Jim Proce on earning the American Public Works Association Public Works Leader Award.

Each year the American Public Works Association recognizes 10 outstanding individuals who have made an indelible mark on their communities through their commitment to public service. This year, I have the distinct honor of representing one of the recipients, Jim Proce, the Assistant City Manager of Rowlett.

Jim's commitment to his community and dedication to service has not gone unnoticed throughout his 32 years of service. During his career, he has earned many honors and awards including the National Community Involvement Award by the American Public Works Association, was named the State Public Works Employee of the Year by FACERS in 2010, is a Designated Public Works Leadership Fellow by the Donald C. Stone Center for Leadership through the American Public Works Association, and is a member of the International City Management Association.

In his role as Assistant City Manager of Rowlett, Jim has excelled as a community leader and worked to implement strategic goals to strengthen the city and best serve the citizens of Rowlett. Throughout Jim's years of service he has displayed an unwavering commitment to community and proved to be a distinguished leader in all of his endeavors.

I would like to offer Jim my heartiest congratulations on this immense accomplishment and thank him for his dedication to serving the great people of Rowlett, Texas.

### TRIBUTE TO MEGAN ROBERTS

### HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor and congratulate Megan Roberts of Atlantic, Iowa, for her selection by the Young Professionals of Atlantic for the Young Professional Entrepreneur Award. Megan is associated with the Megan Roberts State Farm Agency.

Megan's entrepreneurial spirit and involvement in a new start-up enterprise led to her selection for the award. Megan Roberts has a vision for leadership, highlighting community and civic responsibilities, a center of her business and personal life. She is focused on giving back to her community, offering her life experience and resources to assist with the improvement of Atlantic, all the while focusing on her future and career goals.

I applaud and congratulate Megan Roberts for earning this award. She is a shining example of how hard work and dedication can affect the future of a community and business. I urge my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in congratulating

Megan for her many accomplishments and for her service to the Atlantic community. I wish her continued success in all her future endeavors.

HONORING JILL MCGEE

**HON. BETO O'ROURKE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. O'ROURKE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Jill McGee for her dedication and service to the El Paso community. As an elementary school teacher, Ms. McGee has stood out among her peers for her innovative teaching methods that empower and challenge her students.

A native of Lincoln, Nebraska, Jill McGee earned her Spanish undergraduate degree from North Park University in Chicago, Illinois and her Master's degree in Bilingual Education from the University of Texas at El Paso. After graduating, Ms. McGee began her career as a teacher in the colonias of our sister city Ciudad Juarez, Mexico. Through her work in Ciudad Juarez, Ms. McGee has become fluent in Spanish and realized the importance of dual-language education. To this day, Ms. McGee often finds herself back in Ciudad Juarez where she continues to work several days a week with students from areas of extreme poverty.

More recently, Ms. McGee has worked over the past five years as a second grade elementary school teacher at Mesita Elementary, a dual-language elementary school in El Paso, Texas. At Mesita, she has incorporated the use of cutting edge technology in the classroom, such as computer coding and live broadcasting of her classes online, while also crafting a syllabus that challenges her students through problem-based learning.

To honor Jill McGee's decade-plus teaching career and dedication to dual-language learning, the El Paso Independent School District recently recognized her as the 2016 Elementary School Teacher of the Year.

Jill McGee is an inspiration to the El Paso community, and I am honored to represent her.

HONORING KARRIE COULTER

**HON. JARED HUFFMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Karrie Coulter of Marin County, California, for her selection as the Teacher of the Year at the 2016 Golden Bell Awards Ceremony, presented by the Marin County Office of Education in collaboration with the Marin County School Board Association and other local civic organizations. Ms. Coulter has dedicated more than 15 years to educating students in San Rafael City Schools and is currently a 2nd grade teacher at Short Elementary School in San Rafael.

A skilled teacher and proven leader, Ms. Coulter helped shape the direction of Short when it reopened in 2012. The school uses the Guided Language Acquisition Design

(GLAD) model to serve its students, an innovative approach that Ms. Coulter championed to better serve its multilingual students.

Ms. Coulter believes in the potential of each child, and works hard so they can achieve success. She sets a high bar in her classroom, while ensuring students feel respected and heard. Along with responding to individuals' needs in the classroom, she also employs data analysis and evaluates patterns outside of class to better track and promote students' progress.

The Golden Bell Awards celebrate public education in Marin County by recognizing outstanding teachers and supportive community partners. Each year, they select an exemplary educator, classified employee, teacher, and trustee for recognition.

Mr. Speaker, it is therefore fitting that we honor and thank Karrie Coulter for her contributions to students and public education in Marin County and California.

IN HONOR OF H.R. 4425, THE DESIGNATION OF THE "EUGENE J. MCCARTHY POST OFFICE" IN COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA

**HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to support H.R. 4425 and honor the late Senator Eugene McCarthy, from Minnesota. H.R. 4425 will rename the postal facility located at 110 East Powerhouse Road in Collegeville, Minnesota, as the "Eugene J. McCarthy Post Office."

Before becoming a two-term Senator for the great state of Minnesota, Senator McCarthy was one of my predecessors, representing the people of the 4th District of Minnesota. In both the House and the Senate, Senator McCarthy took pride in representing Minnesota and was widely recognized for his collegiality and passion for good governance. Perhaps President Lyndon B. Johnson said it best when he referred to Senator McCarthy as "one of those uncommon men who puts his courage in the service of his country, and whose eloquence and energy are at the side of what is right and good."

As a graduate of both Saint John's Preparatory School and Saint John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota, I am sure Senator McCarthy would be happy to know that the Collegeville Post Office will now forever bear his name.

LEAH VOLZ

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Leah Volz for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Leah Volz is a 12th grader at Warren Tech North and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Leah Volz is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Leah Volz for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

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 \$19,214,514,064,181.20. We've added \$8,587,637,015,268.12 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 KATHLEEN RICKER

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Kathleen Ricker of Des Moines, Iowa on the very special occasion of her retirement after 48 years of championing for students, with many of those years as principal of Bergman Academy in Des Moines, Iowa. She will retire in June 2016 and her impact will be reverberating for generations to come.

Mrs. Ricker came to the Des Moines Jewish Academy in 1977 to develop the school because of her proven track record for recognizing and nurturing academic excellence in young Iowans. In 2004, the Des Moines Jewish Academy merged with another private school to form The Academy, teaching 65 students. Years later, the Academy outgrew its home at the Tifereth Israel Synagogue in Des Moines, relocating and taking on the new name of Bergman Academy. The Bergman Academy now educates over 250 students.

Kathleen Ricker has guided students to become well-rounded citizens, telling her students, "To whom much is given, much is expected." This spirit of philanthropy has been realized in school service projects, with students and their families contributing to organizations such as the Ronald McDonald House, the Animal Rescue League of Iowa, Food Bank of Iowa, UNICEF, Meals from the Heartland and many more charitable and philanthropic organizations. Academically, her pupils have reached their potential during their Bergman Academy years, with the school scoring in the 99th percentile on standardized assessments each year. Learning is also enriched through programs such as archery,

chess club, Odyssey of the Mind, the arts, and numerous class trips.

I commend Kathleen Ricker for shaping the hearts and minds of so many central Iowans. I wish her a lifetime of joy, prosperity, happiness and faith as she embarks on her next journey. I know that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating Kathleen Ricker on this celebratory milestone.

FRANK R. LAUTENBERG CHEMICAL SAFETY FOR THE 21ST CENTURY ACT, (H.R. 2576)

### HON. KEITH ELLISON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, I support the Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act because it offers Americans meaningful protection from exposure to dangerous, unregulated chemicals found in the products we use every day. This bill represents a substantive step in favor of public health, but it's far from what's needed.

Today, the status quo isn't working. Industries can release hundreds of chemicals each year into our homes and workplaces without any federal requirement to consider their safety. Researchers have linked chemicals used in things like household cleaners, clothing, and furniture, to serious illnesses like cancer, infertility, diabetes and Parkinson's. The current law, the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), isn't up to the job. It restricts the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from doing much of anything about these dangers. Under TSCA, only a small fraction of the thousands of chemicals used in our products have ever been reviewed for safety.

The current law is so weak that the EPA couldn't even regulate asbestos. In 1989, after 10 years of research and more than 100,000 pages of administrative record supporting action, the EPA issued a rule under TSCA to ban most uses of asbestos. But two years later, the EPA's regulation was overturned by the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals; while acknowledging that "asbestos is a potential carcinogen at all levels of exposure," the Court ruled that the agency's administrative record failed to demonstrate that the regulation was the "least burdensome alternative," as required under the law. Since the court's ruling, the burden to regulate most toxic substances under TSCA has been insurmountable.

The Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act is an important improvement over TSCA. It would require reviews for chemicals in use today, mandating greater scrutiny of new chemicals, and removing barriers that have prevented the EPA from regulating highly toxic substances in the past, such as asbestos.

This reform is necessary, but it's not adequate. The Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety Act doesn't do everything public health and safety demand. Unfortunately, it bows to chemical industry, which stood in the way of reform for so long, in key provisions. For example, the chemical industry demanded and got unprecedented state preemption standards in the bill. It also imposes limitations on the EPA's ability to monitor chemicals in imported

products. Federal policy should be a floor, not a ceiling, for public health and safety. States, like my Minnesota, have led the way in creating chemical safety standards that protect their residents. Last year in Minnesota, we took an important step toward protecting children and firefighters' health when the legislature passed a law to prohibit toxic flame retardants.

For my part, I will continue to be an advocate for reform that protects public health, not special interests like the chemical industry.

### HONORING THE ROTARY CLUB OF ALBUQUERQUE

### HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the 100th Anniversary of the Rotary Club of Albuquerque, which was chartered on July 1, 1916, with 31 charter members embracing the Rotary International motto of Service Above Self.

Community service projects have been a central theme throughout the club's history. Among the first efforts of the Albuquerque Club was "boosting" the climate and health facilities of the city, at a time when tuberculosis sanatoriums were a leading industry. Rotarians promoted and supported good roads for Albuquerque when it became apparent that the automobile was imperative to future growth. The Club helped direct attention to the recurring problem of flooding from the Rio Grande, and generated local support for the institution of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, which continues to deal with a variety of critical water issues today.

Over the years, the Club has played an important role in the expansion of cultural life in Albuquerque. Members launched the Symphony Orchestra in 1932, which is now the New Mexico Philharmonic that has delighted and inspired audiences for over half a century. The Club also helped sustain the Albuquerque Little Theater for nearly as long.

In more recent years, the Rotary Club co-sponsored the Grand Opening of the New Mexico Natural History Museum and provided major sponsorship for the "Children's Fantasy Garden" at the Albuquerque Biological Park. Members are currently leading a Signature Centennial Project to provide \$500,000 to the Explora! Museum for the "Working Together to Build a Village" project, which will lead participants to experiment with science, engineering, architecture and the daily application of the construction process, encouraging an appreciation for STEM.

As it completes its first century of service in our city, the Rotary Club of Albuquerque will continue to play a leading role in helping solve problems and improve the community. The moral and ethical foundation of Rotary is timeless, and will continue to inspire members with a sense of civic pride and service for many years to come.

RECOGNIZING BRYAN "SCOTTIE" IRVING AND BLUE SKYE DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION

### HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing and commending Bryan "Scottie" Irving, president of Blue Skye Development and Construction as our 2016 D.C. Small Business of the Year. The D.C. Small Business of the Year is named annually at our D.C. Small Business Fair, and serves as an example to inspire D.C. small businesses on what can be accomplished by small businesses here.

We selected Blue Skye Development and Construction not only because of its successes as a small business in the highly competitive construction field, but also because of the company's work in providing affordable housing in the District. No area of entrepreneurship for businesses of every size today is more difficult than affordable housing. Blue Skye is working in Southeast D.C. to provide affordable condominium units for District residents. Blue Skye is experienced in local construction, and has worked on Marleyridge Condominiums, Arena Condominiums, Terrell Jr. High School, the Office of Public Education Facilities Modernization, Tewkesbury Condominiums, Washington Highlands Neighborhood Library, Rosedale Recreation Center, Park 7, Hayes Street Apartments, and Bald Eagle Recreation Center.

Bryan "Scottie" Irving is a fifth generation Washingtonian with very strong ties to the District of Columbia. Mr. Irving is a graduate of Cardozo High School and Central State University in Ohio. Before founding Blue Skye Development and Construction, Bryan was a D.C. public school teacher and also had a successful career as vice president of basketball and football recruitment with Business Arena Inc., a sports marketing firm. Today, Blue Skye serves government, residential, and commercial clients across the national capital region. The company is an example and a role model for D.C. residents and small businesses who seek to succeed in business by providing outstanding service.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Bryan "Scottie" Irving of Blue Skye Development and Construction, this year's D.C. Small Business of the Year, for his noteworthy accomplishments in the construction of affordable housing and numerous government and other projects.

MARIAH GREEN

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Mariah Green for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Mariah Green is a 12th grader at Pomona High School and received this award because

her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Mariah Green is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Mariah Green for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

#### DEATH OF JOHN MULLINIX

### HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with great sorrow as Georgia's Ninth District mourns the loss of one of its great leaders.

John Mullinix epitomized the North Georgia values of my district. His passing on May 22nd robbed us of a man who truly valued patriotism and the well-being of our great nation.

John loved the Constitution as much as he loved the beautiful mountains of Fannin County that he called home. It was in those mountains that John showed what service to your community truly means.

John never hesitated to give his time when his community was in need. He served as a volunteer firefighter, a guest columnist for his local newspaper, and Chairman of the Fannin County Tea Party Patriots.

In our time of divisive partisanship and vicious personal attacks, John provided a refreshing return to positive politics. His motto was that you could disagree without being disagreeable.

John held to his political beliefs with the same sincerity with which he lived his life. His ideal time to discuss politics was over some good Georgia barbeque.

I join the people of Fannin County and the Ninth District of Georgia in offering our thoughts and prayers to his wife, Janet, mother, Elizabeth, and siblings; Patricia, Stephen, Michael, and Mark. We have lost a man that will never be replaced.

#### TRIBUTE TO ALEXANDER REED

### HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Alexander Reed of Des Moines, Iowa for earning the Gold Medal of Achievement award of Iowa's Royal Ranger Outpost Number 35. The Gold Medal of Achievement designation is the highest advancement rank in the Royal Ranger Outpost based at Christian Life Assembly of Des Moines.

To earn this Gold Medalist rank, Alexander Reed completed 56 skill merits, 212 Bible lessons, and over 58 hours of community serv-

ice. Beyond those opportunities, Alexander also completed a service project by honoring the community and spirit of patriotism by hosting a U.S. flag retirement ceremony and replacing those retired U.S. flags with new U.S. flags which were given to local organizations.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this young man and his supportive family and community demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication, and perseverance. I am honored to represent Alexander Reed and his family in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives will join me in congratulating Alex on obtaining the Gold Medal of Achievement ranking, and I wish him continued success in his future education and career.

#### HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF KIWANIS CLUB OF AURORA

### HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 100th anniversary of the Kiwanis Club of Aurora. Since 1916, Kiwanis Club of Aurora has been dedicated to serving children locally and globally. Kiwanis Club of Aurora was the first club in the Illinois-Eastern Iowa District and the twenty-first club chartered in the world.

With their motto, "Serving the Children of the World," Kiwanis Club of Aurora has done just that, improving the lives of children across the world, one child and one community at a time. Kiwanis Club of Aurora's largest service project, the annual Coats for Kids drive, provides over 2,000 winter coats to needy children in the Aurora area.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commemorating the 100th anniversary of Kiwanis Club of Aurora as they continue their long tradition of fellowship and service.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE "QUADRENNIAL HOMELAND SECURITY REVIEW TECHNICAL CORRECTION ACT OF 2016"

### HON. BONNIE WATSON COLEMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to introduce legislation today titled the "Quadrennial Homeland Security Review Technical Correction Act of 2016."

In 2007, the Committee on Homeland Security passed Public Law 110-53, the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act. Under this Act, the Department of Homeland Security is required to produce every four years a unified, strategic framework for homeland security missions and goals, known as the Quadrennial Homeland Security Review (QHSR). The goal of the QHSR is to provide a comprehensive assessment and analysis of the threats facing the homeland. Thus far, the Department has produced two reviews, in 2010 and 2014. The Government

Accountability Office assessed each review extensively and determined that stakeholder engagement and documentation were among the areas for improvement in future QHSRs.

The Quadrennial Homeland Security Review Technical Correction Act of 2016 addresses GAO findings and offers critical improvements to the QHSR. Among the key provisions are more specificity on outreach to stakeholders and requirements for supporting documentation on stakeholder engagement and risk assessments.

Specifically, my legislation enhances stakeholder engagement, by further specifying appropriate stakeholders to consult with during the preparation of the QHSR including the Homeland Security Advisory Council, the Homeland Security Science and Technology Advisory Committee, and the Aviation Security Advisory Committee.

Additionally, my bill requires the Department to use a risk assessment when determining the homeland security missions and threats. When interacting with outside agencies to gather information on sources and strategies, the Department must do so to the extent practical for the Department to gather the information needed.

Finally, the Quadrennial Homeland Security Review Technical Correction Act of 2016 requires DHS to retain all written communications through technology, online communication, in-person discussions and the inter-agency process and all information on how the communications and feedback informed the development of the review. The Secretary should also retain information regarding the risk assessment including data used to generate the risk results, sources of information to generate the risk assessment, and information on assumptions, weighing factors, and subjective judgments used to generate the risk assessment.

I urge support of this legislation to ensure that future Quadrennial Homeland Security Reviews provide homeland security decision-makers inside DHS and across the country with the analysis they need to help protect the United States.

#### EXPRESSING GRATITUDE TO THE INDIVIDUALS WHO ORGANIZE AND RUN KANSAS HONOR FLIGHT

### HON. MIKE POMPEO

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. POMPEO. Mr. Speaker, in May of 2012 the Kansas Honor Flight took its first group of the Greatest Generation to Washington, D.C. Now, four years later, almost 950 World War II and Korean War Veterans have been able to visit the nation's capital to see their memorials and honor friends who made the ultimate sacrifice. This month, on May 4th, the 35th Kansas Honor Flight touched down in Washington, D.C.

These flights would not happen without amazing volunteers. The work Mike and Connie VanCampen have done to honor these veterans is an exceptional example of the admiration Kansans, and all Americans, have for the men and women who serve. The VanCampens are not alone in this effort. A

network of dedicated patriots whose selfless sacrifice on behalf of fellow Kansans mirrors that of the veterans they serve has worked on arranging these flights. These volunteers include another husband and wife team, Lowell and Joyce Downey, whose devotion to our Kansas veterans is truly inspiring.

In addition to volunteers, I would like to thank the family members that accompany these veterans to Washington. I have met many of these family members as they escort their hero around the World War II memorial. The pure joy and admiration on the faces of these family members as they experience the memorial for the first time reassures me that generations to come will understand and venerate the sacrifices of our nation's military members past and present. From the bottom of my heart I say thank you. Thank you for the long hours. Thank you for your dedication. Thank you Kansas Honor Flight.

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TRIBUTE TO PERCIVAL  
SCIENTIFIC, INC.

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate an exemplary Iowa company, Percival Scientific, Inc. as they are recognized with an "E" Award, the United States Government's highest honor to an American exporter and export service provider.

The United States Department of Commerce notified Percival Scientific, Inc. of the award, citing the company's "economic dynamism and leadership," and acknowledging that Percival Scientific, Inc.'s officials "recognize the importance exports have on creating jobs and strengthening the United States economy." Percival Scientific, Inc. is only one of 123 recipients of the President's "E" Award.

In 1961, President John F. Kennedy, Jr. created this award to recognize companies who support the expansion of U.S. exports. Percival Scientific, Inc. has been in business for over 125 years, established in 1886 in Des Moines, Iowa, starting as Percival Manufacturing. The company manufactured and sold butcher tools, machinery and fixtures. As refrigeration came into being, Percival Manufacturing received a patent to manufacture a complete line of refrigerated display units. Since 2000, the company remains housed in a 60,000-square foot facility in Perry, Iowa, employing hundreds of central Iowans and contributing to the local and global economy.

Mr. Speaker, over the last century, Percival Scientific, Inc. has left an indelible mark on the manufacturing export industry in Iowa and around the world. Their innovation and forward thinking in the creation of state-of-the-art refrigeration chambers is recognized and admired worldwide among their peers. I commend Percival Scientific, Inc. and their employees for a job well done. I also ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in honoring this company for their unwavering commitment to manufacturing and to the state of Iowa. I wish Percival Scientific, Inc. and their employees nothing but continued success in their future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING NORTHWEST INDIANA'S NEWLY NATURALIZED CITIZENS

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure and sincerity that I take this time to congratulate thirty-one individuals who will take their oath of citizenship on Friday, June 10, 2016. This memorable occasion, presided over by Magistrate Judge Andrew Rodovich, will be held at the United States Courthouse and Federal Building in Hammond, Indiana.

America is a country founded by immigrants. From its beginning, settlers have come from countries around the world to the United States in search of better lives for their families. Oath ceremonies are a shining example of what is so great about the United States of America—that people from all over the world can come together and unite as members of a free, democratic nation. These individuals realize that nowhere else in the world offers a better opportunity for success than here in America.

On June 10, 2016, the following people, representing many nations throughout the world, will take their oaths of citizenship in Hammond, Indiana: Joseph Nderito Ndungu, Kareema Abbas Khazaal, Waqar Hikmat Mahmood Jbara, Guadalupe Garcilazo Coria, Joseph Githae Njoroge, Lawrence George Cartwright, Sridhar Meda, Hellen Wangari Gathesha, Isabela Patena Pascua, Haopeng Xie, Leslie Sorayda Lopez, Mario Vazquez Sanchez, Michelle Patena Santarromana, Verica Prentoska, Esmerelda Ortiz, Sridhar Punukollu, Marina Gramosli, Tasuli Gramosli, Maria Delgado, Bharath Ganesh Babu, Maria Angelica Garcia, Juvenal Gonzalez, Fabiola Guerra Alocilla, John Donghyun Kim, Ivy Cong Lu, Madhuri Punukollu, Emilio Soria, Alicia Tapia, Ernesto Abraham Velazquez, and Joseph Kamau Njoroge Venanzio.

Although each individual has sought to become a citizen of the United States for his or her own reasons, be it for education, occupation, or to offer their loved ones better lives, each is inspired by the fact that the United States of America is, as Abraham Lincoln described it, a country ". . . of the people, by the people, and for the people." They realize that the United States is truly a free nation. By seeking American citizenship, they have made the decision that they want to live in a place where, as guaranteed by the First Amendment of the Constitution, they can practice religion as they choose, speak their minds without fear of punishment, and assemble in peaceful protest should they choose to do so.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating these individuals who will become citizens of the United States of America on June 10, 2016. They, too, are American citizens, and they, too, are guaranteed the inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We, as a free and democratic nation, congratulate them and welcome them.

IN RECOGNITION OF JIM AND SUZIE CONNORS FOR THEIR SERVICE TO THE JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE OF NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

**HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jim and Suzie Connors, who will be recognized at the Jewish Family Service of Northeastern Pennsylvania's Inaugural Community Recognition Event on June 8, 2016. Mr. and Mrs. Connors will be honored for their work with Jewish Family Service and their long history of service to the Greater Scranton Community.

The Jewish Family Service of Northeastern Pennsylvania is a human service organization, which reflects the Jewish tradition of caring and compassion for all people in need. Through professional counseling, advocacy, and educational programming, its services seek to enhance and strengthen the quality of individual, family, and community life.

Mr. and Mrs. Connors are well known as community leaders committed to helping others throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania. Jim served as Mayor of Scranton from 1990 to 2002. Suzie was an educator in the Scranton school district for over thirty years and is a former board president for Jewish Family Service. Today, they both serve as members on the board of directors for Jewish Family Service.

It is an honor to recognize Mr. and Mrs. Connors. I wish them the best as they continue to work to improve the lives of Pennsylvanians.

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MORGAN RASMUSSEN

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Morgan Rasmussen for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Morgan Rasmussen is a 12th grader at Stanley Lake High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Morgan Rasmussen is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Morgan Rasmussen for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING THE 20TH  
ANNIVERSARY OF VOICE-BUFFALO

**HON. BRIAN HIGGINS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I stand before you today to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of VOICE-Buffalo, a faith-based community of urban and suburban congregations throughout the County of Erie that has more than exceeded its mission to be the “Voice of the Voiceless.”

In 1996 VOICE-Buffalo Clergy identified congregation-based organization as the strategy for breaking down the barriers that divide neighborhoods, our city and region. Tirelessly dedicated to creating a culture of responsibility and accountability for what happens in our community, VOICE-Buffalo continues to build the capacity of people to act on their concerns and to strengthen and connect institutions to individuals.

Today, 55 interfaith and diverse congregations, unions and other community organizations that share common values, focus on bringing local issues that profoundly impact the lives of residents to the forefront. VOICE-Buffalo members believe in the positive progress that can be achieved through rallying local leaders, congregations and the private sector together to hold those in power accountable for making decisions that are in the best interest of the community.

For two decades, VOICE’s mission has taken root in those committed to the cause of social and economic justice and whose training enhances engagement in the public life of their congregations and communities. This committed membership acts locally to connect people, build public relationships, address issues in their church neighborhoods and has built a regional organization with the capacity to address policies that impact individuals, families and communities.

Committed to long term systemic change, VOICE-Buffalo has achieved tangible and transformative success with its push to increase health and public safety with the development of a city-wide uniform garbage tote system, the implementation of Project Holy Ground to strengthen congregations, engage and connect people to the community and bring stability to neighborhoods. In 2004, VOICE-Buffalo called for targeted demolition of unsafe properties that led to collaboration with the city of Buffalo to develop a user friendly manual on housing inspections and procedures.

Recent successes have been made in public transportation and in bringing methods of Restorative Justice to Erie County. Voice sponsorship has boosted training for more than 50 “peace circle keepers” and the establishment of faith-based peace center “hubs.”

In March of this year, I had the privilege of working with VOICE-Buffalo, NOAH (Niagara Organizing Alliance for Hope) and its joint federation, Gamaliel WNY (Western New York) in welcoming U.S. Labor Secretary Thomas Perez back to his hometown of Buffalo, New York. Secretary Perez accepted the invitation extended by VOICE-Buffalo President Pastor James Giles, NOAH President Rev. JoAnne Scott and Paul Vukelic, CEO of Try-It Distrib-

uting, for a public dialogue on workforce diversity and training strategies.

Secretary Perez addressed a packed auditorium at Bennett High School outlining the Federal Government’s plan to provide resources to fill the existing gaps by connecting people in need to the pipeline of opportunity and employment. The challenge to develop innovative approaches has been embraced by VOICE-Buffalo and its community partners who continue to use their expertise to identify the underlying issues that prevent hiring and advocate for sustainability measures.

There is well-deserved national acclaim for Buffalo’s renaissance but the true measure of success will be when all residents are able to participate in the rebuilding of Western New York. VOICE-Buffalo has accepted that challenge and is leading the way to ensure that a pathway to participation is in place and that it is sustainable.

The process of creating positive social change is never easy; it takes courage, faith, patience and vision. And that is why I rise today in the House of Representatives to acknowledge with admiration and appreciation the courage, faith, patience and vision of VOICE-Buffalo. More than 400 others joined together in the Golden Ballroom of Statler City to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of VOICE-Buffalo on June 2, 2016 and to give thanks for the contributions of Father Harry Grace, Rev. Will Brown (posthumously), Marianne Rathman, Murray Holman, Robert Spicer and Amy Vossen Vukelic.

Thank you for this opportunity to congratulate VOICE-Buffalo for its accomplishments. I would like to extend my best wishes for continued success. By standing together, we can “be the people we’ve been waiting for” that make a difference in our community and set “Our Path to Power.”

HONORING JIMMY SMITH

**HON. JARED HUFFMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today along with Representative MIKE THOMPSON in memory of our friend, Jimmy Smith, who passed away on May 24, 2016, at the age of 67. A third generation Humboldt County native, Jimmy was woven into the fabric of California’s North Coast as a commercial fisherman, avid outdoorsman, dedicated public servant, and community leader.

Born in Eureka on July 11, 1948, to James L. Smith and Jean Withey, Jimmy graduated from Eureka High in 1966. In 1972, Jimmy bought a salmon and crab fishing boat, which he operated out of Humboldt Bay for 30 years. He became a respected and expert fisherman known for his uncanny ability to locate salmon. Jimmy was also a lifelong hunter with a passion for ducks and geese, especially black brant.

During his time as a commercial fisherman, Jimmy also volunteered and worked on numerous fisheries and wildlife surveys throughout the area with the U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries Service, California Department of Fish & Game, California Waterfowl Association, and

Humboldt Fish Action Council. He co-chaired the Task Force for the Humboldt Bay Management Plan, served as the fishing industry representative to the Klamath River Basin Fisheries Technical Work Group, and was appointed by Interior Secretary Babbitt to the Trinity Task Force.

In 1995, Jimmy was elected to the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District and served until 2000, where he worked with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to deepen Humboldt Bay to improve safety and accommodate deep-draft ships. Jimmy was then elected to the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors in 2000, a position he served in for 12 years. His achievements, which he always credited to those he worked with, are too many to record. Among them were working tirelessly to clean up the South Spit of Humboldt Bay—now the Mike Thompson Wildlife Area; helping broker agreements meant to tear out the Klamath River’s fish-blocking dams; and efforts to improve flows on the Eel River and protect fisheries on the Klamath, Trinity and Eel rivers. During his term as supervisor, Jimmy was a primary visionary and co-founder of the seven-county North Coast Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (now the North Coast Resource Partnership) and the Five-Counties Salmonid Conservation Program.

Jimmy was named National Fisherman Magazine Highliner of the Year in 1983 and received numerous other recognitions, including the John Pelnar Commercial Fisherman Award in 1984 and awards from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, California Waterfowl Association, U.S. Coast Guard, Eureka Chamber of Commerce, Elks Club, and the Humboldt County League of Women Voters. He was a member and the chair of the Commercial Salmon Trollers Advisory Committee and California Salmon Stamp Committee.

Jimmy Smith was a champion of the North Coast and the conservation of its natural resources. He had a profound impact on so many people, often serving as a valued friend, partner, and mentor. He quietly led by example and earned his reputation as a true gentleman known for creating partnerships, responsive leadership, treating everyone with respect, generosity of spirit, kindness, and integrity. Those who knew him best appreciated his witty sense of humor and love for teasing those he liked.

Jimmy is survived by his soul mate and wife of more than 40 years, Jacque; his son Gary; his granddaughters Shawni Chrislock and her husband Kohl, and McKayla Smith; his sisters Laurie Smith and Marnie Carr; and nieces, nephews and cousins. He also leaves behind many friends who loved him and will miss him dearly.

Few are as beloved and widely respected as Jimmy Smith, who made such a difference in the lives of so many and in his community. We both considered him a friend and relied on him for his wise counsel, as did our staffs and our colleagues in state and local government. Mr. Speaker, it is fitting that we honor Jimmy today for his decades of commitment to the North Coast, and we express our deepest appreciation for his friendship and service. His presence will be sorely missed and his legacy not soon forgotten.

HONORING DIRECTOR ELIZABETH  
JOYCE FREEMAN

**HON. JEFF DENHAM**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with Congressman MCNERNEY and Congressman SWALWELL to acknowledge and honor Director Elizabeth Joyce Freeman for her many years of service to the Palo Alto Veteran Affairs health care system. Director Freeman has worked nobly in serving veterans since 1983, and after 33 years of honorable service to the VA she has announced her retirement on June 7, 2016.

Graduating from the University of Notre Dame in 1983, Ms. Freeman obtained her Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering. She returned to school in 1987 at Louisiana Tech University where she graduated with her Master's Degree in Business Administration.

In 1983, Ms. Freeman's began her extensive career with the VA as a Resident Engineer at the VA Medical Center in Oklahoma City. She moved up the ranks quickly and became the Senior Resident Engineer in Oklahoma City and later moved to Shreveport, Louisiana. Other positions she held with the VA include the following: Project Manager of the VA Central Office Southern Region; Health System Administrator Trainee of the VA Palo Alto Health Care System; Chief Operating Officer of the VA Sierra Pacific Network Office in San Francisco, California; Associate Director of the VA Palo Alto Health Care System; and Director of the VA Palo Alto Health Care System.

In 2001, Ms. Freeman was appointed to Director of the VA Palo Alto Health Care System, and since then has efficiently and successfully overseen the complex organization. In her capacity as Director she is tasked with overseeing an annual budget of over \$1 billion, a capital portfolio of \$2.6 billion, and more than 7,000 staff and volunteers.

In addition to Ms. Freeman's numerous professional achievements, we would like to highlight some of the work that Ms. Freeman did outside the VA Office. She served on many boards and committees, such as the Palo Alto Veterans Institute for Research and the Quality Board, Patient Care, and Patient Experience Committee of the El Camino Hospital Board. She was a member of the California Hospital Association's Santa Clara County Section, and served on the Board of Directors for the Hospital Council in 2006. She should be commended for her outstanding involvement in the community.

The abundance of awards Ms. Freeman has received demonstrates her exceptional leadership and proven work ethic. Ms. Freeman received the Presidential Rank Award at the meritorious level in 2005 and the distinguished level in 2009, she was a recipient of the Leadership VA Senior Executive Leadership Award, she received the VA Alumni Association's Honorary Leadership Award in 2005, and was named one of the top 100 influential women in Silicon Valley.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring and recognizing Director Elizabeth Freeman's leadership that brought invaluable institutional knowledge to the VA Palo Alto Health Care

System. We thank her for her unwavering leadership, devoted service and contributions on behalf of the community and the Nation.

TRIBUTE TO EAGLE SCOUT BRYCE  
NORMAN BERTHUSEN

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Bryce Norman Berthusen of Waukee, Iowa for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. Bryce is a member of Boy Scout Troop 178. The Eagle Scout designation is the highest advancement rank in scouting. Approximately two percent of Boy Scouts earn the Eagle Scout Award. The award is a performance-based achievement with high standards that have been well maintained over the past century.

To earn the Eagle Scout rank, a Boy Scout is obligated to pass specific tests that are organized by requirements and merit badges, as well as completing an Eagle Scout Project to benefit the community. For Bryce's project, he designed and constructed outdoor fitness stations at the local Waukee Y.M.C.A. Bryce is a freshman at Waukee High School with a great interest in science, engineering and music. He is also on the Waukee High School baseball team and spends time with his church's youth group.

The work ethic Bryce has shown in his Eagle Scout Project and every other project leading up to his Eagle Scout rank, speaks volumes about his commitment to serving a cause greater than himself and assisting his community.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this young man and his supportive family and community demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication, and perseverance. I am honored to represent Bryce Norman Berthusen and his family in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives will join me in congratulating him on obtaining the Eagle Scout ranking, and I wish him continued success in his future education and career.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH AN-  
NIVERSARY OF THE FELLOWSHIP  
CHAPEL

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Fellowship Chapel on their 50th anniversary. The accomplishments of this long-standing institution exemplify the importance and strength of community, fellowship, and service.

Founded in 1966 by Reverend James E. Wadsworth Jr. and around one-hundred founding members, Fellowship Chapel came from humble beginnings at a small funeral home. Through tireless service, its membership and ministries have continued to grow, making it necessary to repeatedly expand. In January of 2002, members and friends of Fel-

lowship Chapel fulfilled Reverend Dr. Wendell Anthony's vision of a new village with the historic groundbreaking for the present church building on West Outer Drive. The building was dedicated on June 5th, 2005, as thousands marched from the old location to the new, demonstrating the significance of Fellowship Chapel within the community.

Fellowship Chapel has a strong and growing congregation built on a foundation of faith and trust which has been built through the years under the visionary leadership of Rev. Dr. Wendell Anthony. Along with faithfully leading his congregation, Reverend Anthony is a powerful voice for positive change in Metro Detroit. As the President of the Detroit Branch NAACP, Reverend Anthony has led the fight for civil rights, good jobs, and safe communities in Detroit. As Reverend Anthony has fought hard for social change, Fellowship Chapel has become a place where members of the community gather to discuss the important issues whether they are on a local, state, or national level, to ensure members of the community have a better understanding of what is happening and how to engage to make our world a better place. In that way, Fellowship Chapel is a powerful symbol for what we believe and what we should strive for as a people.

Fellowship Chapel's leaders and volunteers have continued to faithfully provide much-needed services to the local community, including full-time outreach ministry programs, computer programming, adult education, Narcotics and Alcoholics anonymous, homeless assistance, and standardized test-coaching for college-bound students. For 50 years, Fellowship Chapel has held itself to the highest standards to ensure that local residents would always have somewhere to turn during both good times and bad. As a sanctuary of spiritual and social progress, it has served as a pillar of the local community for half a century, and will continue to do so for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today to honor Fellowship Chapel on their 50th anniversary and wish them many more years of success.

**MARIYA PEREZ**

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Mariya Perez for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Mariya Perez is a 12th grader at Wheat Ridge High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Mariya Perez is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Mariya Perez for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

## TRIBUTE TO JIM O'BRIEN

**HON. RODNEY DAVIS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember a wonderful neighbor and friend, Jim O'Brien, who passed away over the weekend after a brave battle with cancer.

For many years, Jim and his wife Barb lived in Taylorville, always bringing smiles to the faces in town. My daughter, Toryn, loved the pink house he and Barb lived in with their Yorkie, Maggie.

What I will remember most about Jim is his kindness and generosity. Driven by faith, family, and community, Jim spent nearly all of his time serving others. He was an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Taylorville, coached Little League, delivered Meals on Wheels, and served as an after-school mentor for children. When Taylorville opened its SHADOW home, a residential faith-based program for women and children, Jim dedicated much of his time making the home a comfortable place for those in need.

In his free time, Jim served as the president of the park district board and frequently attended high school basketball and football games, cheering on the Tornadoes whenever he could.

There is no doubt that Jim made Taylorville a wonderful place to call home. His love for the community and his service to others will always be remembered. He will be greatly missed by me, my family, and by all those who knew him. My thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Barb, and their family.

HONORING THE NOMINEES FOR  
KANE COUNTY CHIEFS OF POLICE  
ASSOCIATION'S 2015 LOUIS  
SPUHLER OFFICER OF THE YEAR  
FOR KANE COUNTY AWARD

**HON. BILL FOSTER**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the nominees for the 2015 Kane County Chiefs of Police Association's Louis Spuhler Officer of the Year for Kane County Award.

The award, presented by the Batavia Moose Lodge Number 682 and the Kane County Chiefs of Police Association, recognizes the outstanding achievements of police officers who protect our community. The men and women who wear the badge provide our families with security while putting their own lives on the line and deserve our admiration and thanks.

I would like to congratulate the winner of the 2015 Louis Spuhler Officer of the Year for Kane County, Officer Dean M. Tucker, as well as his fellow nominees: Sergeant Elizabeth Palko, Lieutenant Brian McCarty, Lieutenant Anthony Gorski, Officer Ronald F. McNeff, Sergeant Eric Blowers, Officer Erika Stover, Officer Justin Howe, Officer Chris Potthoff, Officer Mark Skorup, Trooper Gregory Melzer, and Detective Andrew Houghton.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the nominees for the 2015 Louis Spuhler Officer of the Year for Kane County Award and thanking them for their continued dedication to the safety and security of our community.

## TRIBUTE TO DOROTHY AND BILL HARPER

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Dorothy and Bill Harper of Peru, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary.

Bill and Dorothy's lifelong commitment to each other truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 60th anniversary, may their commitment grow even stronger as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

I commend this great couple on their 60th year together and I wish them many more memories. I know my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

IN RECOGNITION OF GREGORY  
STEVENS, A DISTINGUISHED  
MEMBER OF THE GARLAND POLICE  
DEPARTMENT

**HON. PETE SESSIONS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a distinguished member of the Garland Police Department, Officer Gregory Stevens, for receiving the Medal of Valor at the White House. On May 3, 2015, two gunmen opened fire at an event in Garland with the sole intent of harming and taking the lives of every single person inside. Luckily, Officer Stevens was standing guard that night. As the shooters opened fire on the auditorium, Officer Stevens swiftly acted to protect the people of Garland from what could have been a devastating situation. His actions not only saved countless innocent lives, they also sent a clear message that Texans will not stand down in the face of terror.

I am extremely proud to have such exceptional men and women who faithfully serve and protect our communities. Officer Stevens, thank you for your selfless service and your unwavering commitment to protect the wonderful people of North Texas. God Bless our Police Officers, God Bless Texas, and God Bless America.

## HONORING MICHAEL P. REESE

**HON. BETO O'ROURKE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. O'ROURKE. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize and honor Michael P. Reese for his

extraordinary contributions to the community of El Paso and honorable service to our nation. Mr. Reese stands apart for his distinguished service as a teacher in the El Paso community and soldier for the United States Army.

Born in Omaha, Nebraska, in 1979, Michael P. Reese has dedicated both his life and career to the service of others. After graduating from the Texas Lutheran University in 2001, Mr. Reese worked as a counselor to troubled youth at a therapeutic wilderness camp in Lockhart, Texas. In 2003, he joined the United States Army, where he served honorably through 2005. During his service, Mr. Reese was stationed at Fort Hood in Killeen, Texas and deployed to Iraq from 2004 to 2005 with the First Brigade Combat Team of the First Cavalry Division. While deployed, Mr. Reese earned the Combat Medical Badge for satisfactorily performing medical duties while his unit was engaged in ground combat.

After completing his term of enlistment, Michael Reese moved to El Paso when he was accepted into the University of Texas at El Paso's History Graduate Program. Since graduating in 2009, Mr. Reese has worked as a high school teacher in El Paso and earned several awards for his refusal to dumb down challenging issues and ability to bring out the best in his students, including Campus Teacher of the Year at Andress High School. Michael P. Reese's creative use of technology to inspire his students and encourage discussion, exemplifies the vision required to educate the youth of El Paso in the 21st century. This year, the El Paso Independent School District named Mr. Reese Secondary Teacher of the Year for his work as a Social Studies and Broadcast Journalism teacher at El Paso High School.

Michael P. Reese's commitment to helping others is an inspiration to the El Paso community. I am honored to recognize him for his service to our country both in the military and classroom.

HONORING ROMAN MAZUR ON HIS  
COMPANY'S ANNUAL DANCE FESTIVAL

**HON. ROBERT J. DOLD**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. DOLD. Mr. Speaker, I am honored today to recognize Roman Mazur on bringing his dance company's annual dance festival, this year entitled, "Melodies from My Grandmother's Chest" to the Theatre of Buffalo Grove Community Art Center on the weekend of May 28th. I'm excited to convey my support for a vibrant cultural event hosted in the center of my district.

The tenth congressional district is a hub of cultural diversity, and events like Mr. Mazur's Dance Festival encapsulate this. The Festival highlights the hard work, creative endurance, and dedication of veteran dancers as they bring the rich tradition of 1930s and 40s dancing and music to the audience.

It is truly my pleasure to commend Mr. Mazur on many years of outstanding work with the Mazur Dance School. I congratulate him and his company on the Festival, and wish him the best of luck in all of his future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO DARLENE AND  
DWAYNE HENRICHS

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Darlene and Dwayne Henrichs of Thayer, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 65th wedding anniversary. They were married on June 3, 1951.

Dwayne and Darlene's lifelong commitment to each other, their children, and their grandchildren truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 65th anniversary, may their commitment grow even stronger as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

I commend this great couple on their 65th year together and I wish them many more memories. I know my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

ROBYN COLAO-MORGAN

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Robyn Colao-Morgan for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Robyn Colao-Morgan is a 12th grader at Warren Tech North and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Robyn Colao-Morgan is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Robyn Colao-Morgan for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2016  
UNITED HEALTH FOUNDATIONS  
DIVERSE SCHOLARS

**HON. ERIK PAULSEN**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, continuing to modernize the health care system requires improving the quality and delivery of health care, the backbone of which is the health care workforce. I am pleased to have the opportunity today to talk about a group of students from across the country who represent some of the brightest individuals preparing to enter the health care workforce. This year's United Health Foundation Diverse Scholars Initiative scholarship recipients represent 36 states.

They are working hard in their undergraduate and graduate programs—whether they are studying to be doctors, nurses, dentists, pharmacists, public health specialists, or technicians—to increase the number of skilled professionals entering the health care workforce.

Beyond their academic achievements, I would also like to recognize their commitment to making the health care system more culturally relevant and their dedication to improving the health outcomes of the individuals they will one day serve. Research shows that when people are treated by health professionals who share their language, culture, and ethnicity, they are more likely to accept and receive medical treatment. This will be a great asset to our nation's health care system.

Next week, these scholars will be joining us in Washington, DC to examine some of the nation's most pressing health care problems and potential solutions as part of the United Health Foundation's Annual Diverse Scholars Forum. Since 2007, the United Health Foundation has helped more than 1,850 multicultural students from across the country realize their dream of pursuing careers in health while focusing on the needs of local communities through the Diverse Scholars Initiative. This year, these scholars also include a group of military spouses and dependents pursuing health care careers who have received scholarships, and I'd like to recognize their commitment to becoming part of the future health workforce and their support for those who have served.

To these exceptional scholars, congratulations and best wishes for success in all of your future endeavors. I know that our nation's health care system will benefit from your hard work and talent.

Jean Abac, Miranda Adcock, Sainfer Aliyu, Cadajah Allen, Jose Alonso, Toni Aluko, Evelyn Ambush, Felicia Andrew, Jesse Andrews, Brie Antonas, Kwame Awuku, Lluriana Bailon, Kane Banner, Sophia Barrios, Christina Batarse, Anya Bazzell, Shanell Becenti, Ashleigh Bennett, Carlene Black, Ashley Blackwell, Maya Bryant, Tina Bui, Andrea Burgess, Ebony Caldwell, Ana Cisneros, Danelle Cooper, Sandy Cullins, Radha Dahal, Marcqwon Day, Andres de Avila, Elizabeth De La Rosa, Chelsie Rae Domingo, Katie Duncan, Evelyn Escobedo Pol, Rebecca Espinoza, Mayra Estrada, Laurie Farreau, Clarissa Flores, Nyla Flowers, Thomas Franco, Jeremy Garriga, Misha Gilmore, Homero Guaderrama, Eddie Hackler III, Jackie Hairston, Jada Mone'e Harris, Oswaldo Hasbun Avalos, Katie Haynes, Shakura Howard, Austere Apolo, Wes Hungbui, Jalane Jara, Sophia Jimenez, Valencia Johnson, Karianne Jones, Ramanjot Kaur, Leslie Kedelty, Linda Kerandi, Ashley Kyalwazi, Angel Lara, Vin Lay, Anna Le, Saleena Lee, Edith Leiva, Amy Liang, Korai Liriano, Maria Madrigal, Erin Abigail Marden, Rasheena McCabe, Karen Mendez, Santiago Mercado, Monique Merritt, Alexa Mieses, Kimberly Mondestin, Lynette Morgan, Krista Morine, Binh Nguyen, Whitney Nwagbara, Justin Okons, Francesca Olguin, Chiemeka Onyima, Sylvia Pena, Bert Pineda, Joshua Platero, Cecilia Ramirez, Juan Ramirez, Isis Reyes, Julian Roby, Leah Ruiz, Valeria Salazar Ball, Brianna Samson, Ari St. Clair, May Lei Suen, Hiroshi Usui, Janet Van, Vaithish Velazhahan, Jennifer Villalobos, Shenae Whitehead, Veronica Williams, Taylor

Williams-Hamilton, Davontae Willis, Ernestine Wilson, Bethany Womack, Chris Zermeno, and Jingna Zhao.

IN HONOR OF THE CLOWES FUND

**HON. ANDRÉ CARSON**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor The Clowes Fund and family whose philanthropic contributions have positively impacted countless Hoosiers in my hometown of Indianapolis.

Dr. George Henry Alexander Clowes, his wife Edith Whitehill Clowes and their two sons, Allen W. Clowes and Dr. George H.A. Clowes, Jr., incorporated The Clowes Fund in 1952 to support education along with literary, performing, and fine arts. Social services soon became another focus for support. A rare combination of scientist and entrepreneur, the senior Dr. Clowes was director of research at Eli Lilly and Company who in 1921 mobilized Lilly resources to mass produce and market an insulin treatment that would save the lives of millions of diabetics. Lilly's subsequent growth as a pharmaceutical giant contributed to Dr. Clowes' personal success, giving rise to the Fund, an extensive art collection and other philanthropic endeavors. Mrs. Clowes was actively involved in a variety of educational, cultural and social service interests in the community; she was a co-founder of the Orchard School and Planned Parenthood. Their story is told in *The Doc and the Duchess, The Life and Legacy of Dr. George H.A. Clowes*, written by their grandson, Dr. Alexander (Alec) Whitehill Clowes.

Alec joined The Clowes Fund board at age 21 and served from 1967–2015, and as president 2001–2015. Early in his tenure he was intimately involved in planning the Clowes Pavilion at the Indianapolis Museum of Art (IMA) for exhibition of the Clowes Collection on long term loan. Later, he helped guide the board toward a decision to transfer ownership of the Collection to the IMA, a process that will culminate by 2023 when Indianapolis celebrates the centennial of insulin. In the early 1990's, Alec was a uniting force that prevented the foundation from being divided by family branches. Unity is a legacy of his leadership as he made it a priority to recruit a fourth generation of family members to serve the foundation's mission.

Since its founding, The Clowes Fund has awarded \$37.3 million in funding to nonprofit organizations in Indianapolis. Recent grant gifts include more than \$550,000 to local Centers for Working Families, a service delivery model designed to move families out of poverty and toward a more self-sufficient standard of living, and nearly \$2 million to support services for immigrants, refugees and asylees in our community. The Fund has also transferred art valued at approximately \$25.3 million from the Clowes Collection to the Indianapolis Museum of Art with another \$25 million in support scheduled over the next few years to ensure the collection remains intact and in Indianapolis. In addition to grantmaking, The Clowes Fund has left a lasting legacy in Indianapolis by donating its grant files to the Ruth Lilly Philanthropic Studies Library and Archives at

IUPUI. The Clowes family also donated personal papers and mementos to the Indiana History Center.

Our community continues to benefit from the foundation's mission to support organizations and projects that build a more just and equitable society, create opportunities for initiatives, foster creativity and the growth of knowledge, and promote appreciation of the natural environment. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing The Clowes Fund for its dedicated efforts to improve our community.

WOMEN'S HEART ALLIANCE PARTNERSHIP WITH THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

**HON. JOYCE BEATTY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, did you know that the rate of heart disease is increasing the fastest among young women, especially among African-American and Latina women, and that stroke is still considered a silent killer?

Young women need to better understand the risks and how to better prevent heart disease—in addition to spreading the word to their loved ones.

That is why I support The Ohio State University and the Women's Heart Alliance's new unique partnership to screen and educate college-aged women about their risk for heart disease and how they can prevent it.

Death rates from heart disease have been virtually stagnant in young women over the last two decades.

In the United States, heart disease kills more women each year than all cancers combined.

Yet, forty-five percent of women are unaware that it is their number one health threat.

Mr. Speaker, we need awareness, education and advocacy to tackle this epidemic.

Dr. Bernadette Mazurek Melnyk, Associate Vice President for Health Promotion, Chief Wellness Officer, and Dean and Professor of the College of Nursing at The Ohio State University said it best, "We must act with urgency to teach young women how they can prevent heart disease by engaging in healthy lifestyle behaviors, such as 30 minutes of physical activity 5 days a week, 5 fruits and vegetables per day, no smoking, and stress reduction. They and their loved ones' lives depend on it."

Mr. Speaker, we cannot leave women's health to chance.

Heart disease is deadly, but it's also largely preventable.

Let's help educate young women in my district, across Ohio, and beyond about the risk factors of cardiovascular disease, so they develop heart-healthy behaviors long before the symptoms of heart disease ever develop.

TRIBUTE TO KATE LECHTENBERG

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

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

Lechtenberg of Ankeny, Iowa for being awarded the American Association of School Librarians' (AASL) Frances Henne Award. The AASL award is presented to a school librarian with five years or less experience who demonstrates leadership qualities with students, teachers and administrators.

When presenting the award, AASL officials said, "Kate Lechtenberg is our unanimous choice due to her impressive service record and obvious commitment to the field." Ms. Lechtenberg, Northview Middle School's librarian for four years, embraces diverse programming, active research and fosters a love of reading with her students and the instructors.

For nearly a decade as a literacy and English teacher, Ms. Lechtenberg became a school librarian, accepting a position at Northview Middle School in Ankeny, Iowa, where she provides a vibrant learning space for 850 students. Outside of school activities, Ms. Lechtenberg serves as the professional development chairman for the Iowa Association of School Librarians and as a member of the AASL standards and guidelines implementation task force.

Kate Lechtenberg makes a difference by serving others. It is with great honor that I recognize her today. I know that my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives join me in honoring her accomplishments. I thank her for her service to the Iowa students and the community, wishing her all the best in the future.

HONORING DR. JOHN D. LEWIS, JR.

**HON. THOMAS MacARTHUR**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. MACARTHUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory and life of Dr. John D. Lewis, Jr., of the Third Congressional District, and to express my sincerest condolences to his family and loved ones he has left behind, as well as to recognize his service and career.

Dr. Lewis joined the United States Army in high school and served in World War II from 1943 to 1946. Upon returning to the United States, he completed his education and entered Hampton University. Dr. Lewis continued to serve our nation by participating in the ROTC program, while studying biology. He became an officer in the military at Hampton and earned his bachelor's degree in 1951. After leaving Hampton University, Dr. Lewis was stationed at Camp Edwards in New Bedford, Massachusetts where he met Agnes Perry Alves, whom he married in July of 1952. Dr. Lewis served as an officer in the Korean War from 1951 to 1953. He then joined the Army Reserves and rose to the rank of Major before retiring with honor and distinction in 1976.

Dr. Lewis continued his education while raising a family with Agnes in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He became a certified Physical Therapist in 1962, and then decided to pursue a career in Podiatry. He became a Doctor of Podiatric Medicine in 1969. He opened a practice in 1970, where he served members of the community. He and his family were very active in the Holy Cross Lutheran Church, always giving back to others when possible. Dr. Lewis was known throughout his community as a hard-working, thoughtful and determined man who overcame discrimination and much adversity to obtain success.

Mr. Speaker, the people of New Jersey's Third Congressional District are tremendously honored to have had Dr. John Lewis, Jr., as a selfless and dedicated member of their community, whose generosity and vivacious spirit will never be forgotten. It is with a heavy heart that I recognize his honorable service to the United States of America and commemorate his career and life, as well as the lasting legacy that he has left behind, before the United State House of Representatives.

THE MEDICARE DENTAL, VISION, AND HEARING BENEFIT ACT OF 2016

**HON. JIM McDERMOTT**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, today I am proud to introduce the Medicare Dental, Vision, and Hearing Benefit Act of 2016. This legislation expands the Medicare benefit package to include comprehensive coverage of dental, vision, and hearing care.

The Medicare program commemorated its 50th anniversary last year, and there are many reasons to celebrate this important milestone. Thanks to Medicare, 55 million seniors, patients with End-Stage Renal Disease, and people with disabilities enjoy the peace of mind and security that comes with health coverage.

But there is still a tremendous amount of work that must be done to ensure that the coverage that Medicare provides truly meets the needs of all of its beneficiaries.

Unfortunately, many gaps continue to exist in Medicare's covered benefits. These gaps force beneficiaries to shoulder burdensome out-of-pocket costs and, in many cases, to do without the care they need.

One of the largest holes in the Medicare benefit package is the lack of coverage for dental, vision, and hearing care. In fact, not only does Medicare not pay for these crucial health services, but current law specifically excludes them from coverage.

This is a shortsighted and harmful policy that has serious ramifications for beneficiaries.

Lack of dental care is linked strongly with numerous health problems, including potentially fatal and costly conditions such as cardiovascular disease and oral cancers.

Similarly, untreated vision disorders—which are among the most common and costly conditions facing the elderly—substantially increase the risk of expensive hospitalizations due to injuries associated with falls.

And hearing loss, which is pervasive among beneficiaries, often leads to social isolation, depression, and cognitive impairments. Yet the majority of elderly Americans who need hearing aids do not have them—in large part due to costs.

It's time for Congress to recognize that Medicare must be expanded to address the full spectrum of beneficiaries' health needs. The Medicare Dental, Vision, and Hearing Benefit Act does just that.

The bill repeals the outdated statutory exclusions that prevent Medicare from providing coverage of dental, vision, and hearing services and related supplies.

It amends Part B to provide coverage of necessary health services, including routine

dental cleanings, fillings and crowns, root canals, refractive eye exams, and exams for hearing aids.

It provides coverage of items such as dentures, eyeglasses, contact lenses, low vision devices, and hearing aids as durable medical equipment, prosthetics, and orthotic supplies.

And to control costs and facilitate implementation of these major reforms, benefits will be subject to reasonable limitations and will be phased in gradually in the years following enactment.

All too often, policy discussions about Medicare focus on how much of the program to cut and how to further shift costs onto beneficiaries. This is the wrong approach. It's time for Congress to recognize that Medicare must be strengthened, not cut, and that benefits must be expanded, not scaled back.

The Medicare Dental, Vision, and Hearing Benefit Act will make Medicare a stronger, fairer, and more comprehensive program for the 55 million beneficiaries it serves.

I urge my colleagues to join me in working to enact this and other important expansions of Medicare now and in the future.

CONGRATULATING THE PHILIPPINES ON ITS 118TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS INDEPENDENCE

**HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO**

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Republic of Philippines on the 118th Anniversary of its independence. I also join the people of Guam and the Filipino Community of Guam in declaring the month of June as Philippine Month in Guam.

On May 1, 1898, the Battle of Manila Bay signaled the United States' entry into the war with Spain that the Philippines had been fighting for since 1896. On June 12, 1898 the Filipino revolutionary forces under General Emilio Aguinaldo proclaimed the sovereignty and independence of the Philippine Islands from Spanish colonial rule. Filipinos are very proud of these leaders who had the dream of an independent and free country. This act of determining their political future remains a much celebrated event 118 years later, especially by Filipinos who call the United States and Guam home.

Since earning their independence, the Philippine people have suffered through years of dictatorship, martial law, and Japanese occupation. We on Guam are particularly sympathetic to this last event, having ourselves been taken over by the Japanese.

Today, the Philippines is an important ally of the United States in Southeast Asia. President Aquino has taken positive steps to combat terrorism in the Philippines, and his government continues to be cooperative with our own efforts in the region. In addition, the friendship of the Filipino people has forged a bond between our two nations that has grown stronger over time. Filipino-Americans have contributed immensely to our nation. In my home district of Guam, Filipino-Americans represent over one-third of the general population. They play a key role in the economic, social, and political fabric of our island and the nation as a whole. Guam and the Philippines share linguistic, so-

cial, and cultural roots which have made Filipinos on Guam able to be active in celebrating their culture in harmony with the local community. Many Filipinos and members of the Filipino Community of Guam have contributed their time, talents and expertise by serving as medical, educational, and government professionals and religious leaders, among others, to improve the quality of life on Guam. The Filipino Community of Guam has also been passionately dedicated to helping those in need by supporting numerous charitable non-profit organizations on our island and they have organized fundraising drives for disaster victims in the Micronesia region and the Philippines.

Our two nations and indeed our people are intimately linked to one another. On behalf of the people of Guam, I congratulate the Philippines and the Filipino Community of Guam on the 118th anniversary of independence of the Philippines and look forward to the continued service and contributions of the Filipino Community of Guam.

RECOGNIZING LILY SHEN

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lily Shen, a resident of the 6th district, for being awarded the Asian American Hero of Colorado Award.

Mrs. Shen emigrated from Taiwan to the United States with her family 35 years ago. Since then, she has been a pillar of her community; fervently engaging in countless community programs. To name just a few of her current engagements, Mrs. Shen is currently the President of Colorado Chinese Language School and Colorado Chinese Club, the President of Colorado Chinese Evergreen Society, the Vice Chair of the Asian Pacific Development Center, and as the Treasurer of the Asian Roundtable of Colorado. Mrs. Shen has also served as the chair of the Chinese/Taiwanese Advisor Council to my office since 2012-present.

Her storied career of community service to the Colorado Asian community, and to the Colorado community as a whole, has been punctuated by numerous awards recognizing her achievement. To name a few of her many awards, Mrs. Shen is a recipient of a lifetime achievement award from the Colorado Behavioral Healthcare Council, a Woman of Distinction award from the Girl Scouts Mile High Council, an Outstanding Performance and Lasting Contributions Award from Senator Wayne Allard and she is a recipient of the Ambassadors for Peace Excellence in Leadership Award from Inter-religious and International Federation for World Peace; American Leadership Initiative in Washington DC.

I commend Mrs. Shen for her dutiful and tireless service to her community. She is truly deserving of being awarded the Asian American Hero of Colorado Award; an award which is yet another testament to her lifetime of community service.

TRIBUTE TO HELEN AND BILL LORENZEN

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Helen and Bill Lorenzen of Truro, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. They were married on May 26, 1956.

Bill and Helen's lifelong commitment to each other truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 60th anniversary, may their commitment grow even stronger as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

I commend this great couple on their 60th year together and I wish them many more memories. I know my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

NATASHA THIES

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Natasha Thies for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Natasha Thies is a 12th grader at Wheat Ridge High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Natasha Thies is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Natasha Thies for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

MARVIN CHARLES—CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY TO REPRESENTATIVE DAVE REICHERT'S LAW ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE

**HON. DAVID G. REICHERT**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. REICHERT. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following testimony:

Thank you for inviting me to speak with you today. I'm honored to be here. I first met with Congressman Reichert at his District Office last year, just before I drove my 18-year-old daughter to Oklahoma to start her freshman year in college.

This is the daughter who started my journey. She was the baby girl I was about to

abandon on the steps of a hospital 18 years ago. But as I held her that day, my heart changed. I looked into her little brown eyes and I started to cry. I realized that's not what a father is supposed to do. A father is supposed to protect and take care of his child. But I had no idea whatsoever of how to do that. Because of her, I have the opportunity to come before you today and tell you the story of DADS ([www.aboutdads.org](http://www.aboutdads.org)).

DADS stands for Divine Alternatives for Dads Services. We are based in Seattle but serve fathers and families in the Puget Sound region and throughout Western Washington. Our vision is "Stronger Fathers, Healthier Communities." Our mission is "To give fathers hope by walking together in supportive community, helping them navigate relational and legal barriers that separate them from their children and families."

I believe—from personal experience—that the biggest problem facing our nation today is not crime, drugs and alcohol, or gang violence. These are just the results of a larger problem, which is fatherlessness. So many of the problems in our communities today are direct results of fatherlessness.

Far too many of our young people have not had strong, responsible fathers engaged in their lives. As a result, too many go off the rails. They begin committing crimes, abusing drugs and alcohol, dropping out of school, and running away from home. Another common side effect is teenage pregnancies and out-of-wedlock births.

The National Fatherhood Initiative has identified fatherlessness as the root cause of \$100 billion a year in taxpayer costs. A few statistics:

90 percent of all homeless and runaway children are from fatherless homes.

85 percent of all children that exhibit behavioral disorders come from fatherless homes.

85 percent of all youths in prisons grew up in a fatherless home.

80 percent of rapists motivated by displaced anger come from fatherless homes.

75 percent of all adolescents in chemical abuse centers come from fatherless homes.

71 percent of all high school dropouts come from fatherless homes.

70 percent of juveniles in state-operated institutions come from fatherless homes.

63 percent of youth suicides are individuals from fatherless homes.

I sometimes compare fatherlessness to AIDS. The AIDS virus doesn't kill you, but it breaks down your immune system, so the infection that you catch is what kills you. Fatherlessness works the same way. If you remove a father from the home, the family doesn't die, but it is opened up for infection—which comes in the form of teenage pregnancy, crime, gang violence, drugs and alcohol and other negative impacts. So what can be done about the nationwide problem of fatherlessness? DADS is a faith-based organization that addresses this problem in our Washington state. I founded this organization in the year 2000 along with my wife, Jeanett. I had spent many years of my life on the wrong side of the tracks, but when faced with the decision to leave our daughter on the steps of a hospital, I knew then that I needed to turn my life around and become a responsible father. It wasn't easy—in fact, it was the hardest thing I had ever done. But the rewards of being a real father to my children made it the best thing I have ever done. And it made me want to help other men do the same thing.

Over the last 16 years, DADS has helped over 3,000 men reunite with over 6,000 children. Our client population is predominantly

minority, with 66 percent African American. The rest are Hispanic, Asian and Caucasian. Of those clients, approximately 90 percent have a history of incarceration. Of the thousands of men who have received services from DADS, their main motivation is the desire to reenter the lives of their children.

With the help they get through our program, many of these men are able to regain visitation rights, pay child support, share or get custody, find and keep jobs, provide stable housing, become taxpaying citizens, and even reunite with their families. As a result, their children stay in school, keep off drugs and out of gangs, avoid teenage pregnancies, graduate from high school and even go on to college.

The effectiveness of our program depends on the trust that each individual develops in our staff as we help them navigate systems. For this reason, DADS does not charge for our services. We focus on building a vision for healthy fatherhood and then finding the resources that each individual needs to achieve success.

Law-enforcement officers see firsthand the legacies of fatherlessness. Children from fatherless homes often become casualties, victims or offenders themselves. Then they are challenges for our school systems, social-service programs, drug and alcohol recovery services, law-enforcement agencies, legal and court systems—and ultimately our jails and prisons.

With Father's Day just around the corner, it is my hope that all of us would recommit to the goal of helping create stronger fathers and healthier communities.

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## TUESDAY'S IN TEXAS: "BIG FOOT" WALLACE

### HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the year was 1840 when one of the most faithful Texans joined the Texas Rangers and began a decade's-long service to the great state of Texas. William A.A. Wallace, more often known as "Big Foot" Wallace, was born in Virginia in 1817. He moved to Texas in 1837 after hearing that a brother and a cousin were killed by the Mexican Army during the Texas Revolution. Not long after, he would join the Texas Rangers and spend the better part of his life defending Texas.

Though there are many legends about the emergence of his nickname, Wallace contended that the nickname derived from an incident with a Comanche. During the time he lived in Austin before he joined the Texas Rangers, a Comanche with large feet stole property in the area and was tracked by Wallace. When the Comanche raided the kitchen of a man in town, the man followed the Comanche's tracks to Wallace's house and thus accused Wallace of the raid. But a quick thinking Wallace pointed out that the tracks were much larger than his. It was this case of mistaken identity that led Wallace to assume the name "Big Foot."

Wallace is a descendant of the Scottish legend William Wallace, immortalized in the film *Braveheart*, who led a rebellion against King Edward I of England during the Wars of Scottish Independence. Like his ancestor who

fought courageously and for a cause he wholeheartedly believed in, "Big Foot" Wallace spent decades fighting faithfully for a cause he believed in, the defense of Texas. As a side note, Mr. Speaker, I too have a connection to William Wallace. My family are descendants of the Weems Clan (Wemyss) of Scotland. The Wemysses fought on the side of Robert Bruce and Wallace during the Scottish war of Independence. When the war was over and their side lost, the English crown confiscated much of their inherited land. The Weems Castle still sits on the coast of Scotland.

In 1840, Wallace joined the Texas Rangers and subsequently fought various skirmishes with Texas Indians and Mexicans. Two years later when fighting an invading Mexican Army during the Somervell and Mier expeditions, Wallace was among 150 men captured by Mexican forces. During this time in a Mexican prison 1 in 10 men was to be executed. Their fate was determined by drawing either a white or black bean from a jar. Those who drew the black bean were executed. Luckily, Wallace drew a white bean and was spared, and eventually released. The executions would later become known to all those who study Texas history as the "Black Bean Episode".

His time in the Mexican prison must have furthered his resolve because he once again volunteered to serve with the Texas Rangers and during the Mexican War he served in a company of Mounted Volunteers in the United States Army. Following the Mexican War and through the Civil War, this Loyal Texan once again served with the Texas Rangers fighting to protect the Texas frontier from bandits, Indians, deserters and Union soldiers.

As a testament to his loyal service to Texas, Wallace was given a tract of land in Frio County, in South Texas, where he lived until his death in 1899. He was ultimately buried at the Texas State Cemetery at the feet of Stephen F. Austin. He has become a folk legend for those in Texas and beyond. The words at his final resting place say it all, "Here lies he who spent his manhood defending the homes of Texas. Brave, honest, and faithful."

And that's just the way it is.

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## SERGEANT OLAN MIKE MANNING

### HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. PALAZZO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sergeant Olan Mike Manning, an American patriot who exhibits the truest values of selflessness and dedication.

Sergeant Mike Manning of Laurel, Mississippi has devoted 40 years of service to his country in the United States Army and has led the 184th Brigade in both Iraq and Afghanistan. His outstanding service includes retrieval missions in the heat of battle which have been recognized through his NCO leadership positions. His efforts should be revered and are highly recognized with numerous medals and service awards.

Sergeant Manning has gone beyond the call of duty as a soldier and as a father. Married to Donna Manning for over 30 years, they have raised two talented sons, Trace and Madison. Sergeant Manning's brave and resilient character is apparent through his sons as they have both fought personal battles against Cystic Fibrosis. As the family endured troubling times, Sergeant Manning did not waiver in his duty to country. In fact, his patriotism resounded so deeply with his sons that they encouraged him to serve overseas while the two combated their illness. In 2008, the Manning family faced the hardest battle of all when Trace passed away. Tried and true, the Mannings are exemplary in perseverance and patriotism.

Loyal to the things we value most, Sergeant Manning's moral compass points true as he places family and nation above himself. He constantly seeks opportunities to improve life for those around him. Admired and respected by all, Sergeant Manning is the ultimate example of an American patriot.

It is with great pleasure that I honor today, a decorated war hero and a noble father. I commend Sergeant Manning for his dedicated service and his selflessness that motivates everyone around him.

DR. GUY SCONZO

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the fine career and outstanding public service of my friend, Dr. Guy Sconzo. Dr. Sconzo has devoted four decades to the education of our nation's youth; beginning as a teacher and then working as an administrator. He is retiring after leading Humble Independent School District for the last 15 years as Superintendent. He has devoted his life to education and bettering our community, and it is with great pleasure that I express my admiration and gratitude for his lifelong service. I offer him my utmost congratulations for his long and successful career.

Dr. Sconzo began his career as a teacher—in his home state of New York—after graduating from Wagner College in 1973. He then earned his Master's Degree at New York University, and his doctorate at Ohio State University. He served in many different teaching and administrative roles in New York, Ohio, New Jersey, and Oklahoma. He then made one of the best decisions of his life, he moved to the great State of Texas in 2001 as Superintendent for Humble ISD.

During his career, he has achieved numerous awards and recognition at the local, state and federal level for his leadership and hands-on involvement in the success of the students at Humble ISD. In 2013, he earned Superintendent of the Year by Region 4 and last year he led Humble ISD to being named the Best Large District in Texas by H-E-B Excellence in Education Awards. His dedication has earned him the respect and admiration of the teachers, staff and students under his supervision as well as the community. His intellect, eagerness, and vision will be sincerely missed by not only Humble, but the many other communities that he has touched.

Dr. Sconzo is a dedicated family man, having been married to his wife Diane for 41 years, and the proud father of two adult children; Michael and Jennifer. Dr. Sconzo and Diane are looking forward to traveling and spending time with their four grandchildren.

On behalf of the Second Congressional District of Texas, I commend this remarkable leader for his exemplary service and dedication to the State of Texas. I thank him for a job well done and I wish him the best of luck in the future as he enters into this new phase of life.

CLINTON THOMAS SAWYER

HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. PALAZZO. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Mr. Clint Sawyer as a member of the United States Merchant Marine Academy Class of 2016.

Clint will graduate from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy on June 18, 2016, and he will be commissioned as an Ensign in the United States Navy Reserve.

His career in the service has just begun, but it is a testament to Clint's unselfish devotion to the people of this great nation.

The challenges will be many and the time, although it may seem like an eternity, will fly by almost unnoticed.

South Mississippi is proud of Clint and his accomplishments, and we look forward to him continuing to represent not only Mississippi, but the entire nation, as a United States Navy Reserve officer.

As Clint embarks on a new chapter in life, it is my hope that he may always recall with a deep sense of pride and accomplishment graduating from a program as prestigious as the Merchant Marine Academy.

I would like to send Clint my best wishes for continued success in his future endeavors, thank him for his service, and congratulate him on this momentous occasion.

COMMEMORATING THE 130TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BASILICA OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL IN PENSACOLA, FLORIDA

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the 130th anniversary of the historic Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel in Pensacola, Florida.

The Catholic presence in Pensacola traces back more than 450 years ago, upon the first settlement under the command of Don Tristán de Luna y Arellano in 1559. Following a series of military conflicts to occupy or maintain settlements in Pensacola and hurricanes that devastated the Gulf Coast, under the command of General Bernardo de Gálvez in 1781, the Spanish defeated the British and recaptured Pensacola. It was in May of that year that Father Cyril de Barcelona blessed an old wooden two story warehouse on the water-

front for a church to establish a parish of St. Michael the Archangel, and on June 6, 1886, present-day St. Michael Church in downtown Pensacola was formally dedicated by Bishop Jeremiah O'Sullivan of Mobile, Alabama.

With a red brick exterior and Florida pine interior, the church became adorned with life-like Stations of the Cross, memorials bearing the names of pioneer Catholic families and eventually 24 breathtaking stained glass windows, 23 of which were recently restored, that were designed and created by world renowned artist Emil Frei.

St. Michael Church, whose mission is to "Proclaim Christ and to Encounter Him in Word, Sacrament and Service," grew to be an intrinsic treasure to the Northwest Florida community with its historical significance and architectural beauty and was elevated to minor basilica status on December 28, 2011 by his Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to commemorate the 130th anniversary of the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel of Pensacola and its parish's more than 235 years of faithful service to God and to the Northwest Florida community. Vicki and I thank them for their dedication and pray for their continued success. May God grant the parishioners of St. Michael's many more years to come and may His blessings continue to shine down on them.

JUSTIN PRENDERGAST

HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. PALAZZO. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Mr. Justin Prendergast as a member of the United States Naval Academy Class of 2016.

Justin graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy with a degree in aerospace engineering and he received a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps on May 27th, 2016.

His career in the service has just begun, but it is a testament to Justin's unselfish devotion to the people of this great nation.

The challenges will be many and the time, although it may seem like an eternity, will fly by almost unnoticed.

South Mississippi is proud of Justin and his accomplishments, and we look forward to him continuing to represent not only Mississippi, but the entire nation, as a United States Marine Corps officer.

As Justin embarks on a new chapter in life, it is my hope that he may always recall with a deep sense of pride and accomplishment graduating from a program as prestigious as the Naval Academy.

I would like to send Justin my best wishes for continued success in his future endeavors, thank him for his service, and congratulate him on this momentous occasion.

A TRIBUTE TO FRED SHEHEEN

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a legendary figure in South Carolina,

Fred Sheheen, who recently died in an automobile accident. Fred, a former chair of the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education, spent his life advocating for South Carolina's colleges and universities. He was instrumental in breaking down barriers to quality education and promoting equality of opportunity for African American students.

Fred graduated from Duke University in the late 1950s. After graduating, he worked as a reporter for The Charlotte Observer covering civil rights events. As a founding member of the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), or "Snick," as we became known, my fellow students and I made sure that Fred—as a young reporter—had plenty of news to cover.

Fred later worked as an aide to South Carolina Governor and United States Senator Donald Russell. He served for a decade as Commissioner and Executive Director of the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education and later taught an honors course on South Carolina State Government for the University of South Carolina. Fred also served on the executive board of UNITED 2000, which was dedicated to bringing the Confederate battle flag down from the State House dome and out of the Senate and House Chambers.

His family roots run deep in South Carolina's political community and state government. Fred's brother Austin was a long-time member of Kershaw County Council. Another brother Bob served as Speaker of the South Carolina House of Representatives, and his son Vincent, a twice Democratic nominee for Governor of South Carolina, currently serves in the South Carolina State Senate.

Fred Sheheen's nearly eight decades on earth were dedicated to the betterment of his fellow South Carolinians and building a brighter future for their children and grandchildren. His untimely death is a tremendous loss for our state and our people, and to me personally. May he rest in peace.

TERESA CARMELLA MEADOWS

**HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. PALAZZO. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Ms. Teresa

Meadows as a member of the United States Naval Academy Class of 2016.

Teresa graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy with a degree in history and she received a commission as an Ensign in the United States Navy on May 27th, 2016.

Her career in the service has just begun, but it is a testament to Teresa's unselfish devotion to the people of this great nation.

The challenges will be many and the time, although it may seem like an eternity, will fly by almost unnoticed.

South Mississippi is proud of Teresa and her accomplishments, and we look forward to her continuing to represent not only Mississippi, but the entire nation, as a United States Navy officer.

As Teresa embarks on a new chapter in life, it is my hope that she may always recall with a deep sense of pride and accomplishment graduating from a program as prestigious as the Naval Academy.

I would like to send Teresa my best wishes for continued success in her future endeavors, thank her for her service, and congratulate her on this momentous occasion.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2016  
SERVICE ACADEMY APPOINTEES  
FROM THE 21ST CONGRESSIONAL  
DISTRICT OF TEXAS

**HON. LAMAR SMITH**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today we congratulate the 2016 Service Academy appointees from the 21st Congressional District of Texas.

The following individuals have accepted Academy appointments:

John Richard Anthis, Alamo Heights High School, Greystone Preparatory School at Schreiner University, United States Military Academy; Chandler Ray Baker, Central Catholic High School, United States Military Academy; Heidi S. Borgerding, Boerne—Samuel V. Champion High School, United States Air Force Academy; Tamara Jean Fumagalli, New Braunfels High School, United States Air Force Academy; Gracie Sierra Hough, Jack C.

Hays High School, United States Naval Academy; Mark Kittelson, Ronald Reagan High School, United States Merchant Marine Academy; Steven Thomas Lamoureux, Robert G. Cole High School, United States Air Force Academy; Scott Wagner McClendon, Westlake High School, Greystone Preparatory School at Schreiner University, United States Air Force Academy and Sean J. O'Leary, Heritage School, United States Military Academy.

These outstanding students have much to give to their Academy and to our country. We appreciate both their talents and their patriotism.

PAUL SOLOMON

**HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2016*

Mr. PALAZZO. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Mr. Paul Solomon as a member of the United States Air Force Academy Class of 2016.

Paul graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy on June 2, 2016, and he will be commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Air Force.

His career in the service has just begun, but it is a testament to Paul's unselfish devotion to the people of this great nation.

The challenges will be many and the time, although it may seem like an eternity, will fly by almost unnoticed.

South Mississippi is proud of Paul and his accomplishments, and we look forward to him continuing to represent not only Mississippi, but the entire nation, as a United States Air Force officer.

As Paul embarks on a new chapter in life, it is my hope that he may always recall with a deep sense of pride and accomplishment graduating from a program as prestigious as the Air Force Academy.

I would like to send Paul my best wishes for continued success in his future endeavors, thank him for his service, and congratulate him on this momentous occasion.