

More recently, Lyman Orchards has added attractions like the Corn Maze and Sunflower Maze the proceeds from which are donated to the American Cancer Society and the Connecticut Children's Medical Center respectively. There is the Paint the Pumpkin Pink event that raises money for the Middlesex Comprehensive Breast Center and the Sunshine Kids Road Race that benefits children with cancer. Lyman Orchards is also home to two 18-hole golf courses and a golf training center. Designed by legendary Hall of Fame architect Robert Trent Jones and Hall of Fame golfer Gary Player, these championship golf courses are both ranked among the best in the Northeast.

During my tenure in Congress, I have had many opportunities to visit Lyman Orchards and have always been in awe of their forward-thinking vision, always coupled with their commitment to preserving and celebrating their rich history. Rooted, both literally and figuratively, in the Middlefield community, Lyman Orchards and the Lyman family are not only a part of the fabric of Middlefield, they are a warp thread—a vertical thread that forms the base of the fabric's weave. There is a story that is a reflection of the history not only of Connecticut, but of New England. I am proud to stand today to offer my heartfelt congratulations to John Lyman, III and the entire Lyman family as they mark the 275th Anniversary of Lyman Orchards and extend my very best wishes for continued success.

IN HONOR OF POTOMAC FALLS
GIRLS' LACROSSE TEAM

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 20, 2016

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the girls' lacrosse team from Potomac Falls in my District who recently won the 2016 5A Virginia State Championship. They practiced long hours as a team, and this extraordinary achievement shows how far dedication, hard work, and commitment to teamwork can take a group as they played against some of the best competition in the nation.

The Potomac Falls girls' lacrosse team has made Virginia's 10th Congressional District proud and they have represented us well. Winning a state championship attests to their impressive athletic ability, unselfish mentality, and determination to succeed. I commend them for their tireless dedication to both their school and their teammates, without neither of which this could have been possible. It takes a delicate combination of superior skill and many hours of practice to win a state title. The Potomac Falls girls' lacrosse team has certainly earned this honor and the lessons learned over the years will valuably serve them as they continue on in their lives.

In the 5A state title game, the Potomac Falls girls' lacrosse team beat George Marshall by double digits to claim the title that eluded them last year. Their victory was never in question as they quickly scored five goals in the opening minutes to pull ahead to a lead that grew to 12 by the game's end.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring the Potomac Falls girls' lacrosse team for their achievement and rep-

resenting Virginia's 10th Congressional District with such distinction. I wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

COMMEMORATING JUNETEENTH
2016

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 20, 2016

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, on June 19, 1865, General Gordon Granger rode into Galveston, Texas and announced the freedom of the last American slaves; belatedly freeing 250,000 slaves in Texas nearly two and a half years after Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation.

Juneteenth was first celebrated in the Texas state capital in 1867 under the direction of the Freedmen's Bureau.

Today, Juneteenth remains the oldest known celebration of slavery's demise. It commemorates freedom while acknowledging the sacrifices and contributions made by courageous African Americans towards making our great nation the more conscious and accepting country that it has become.

This year, I introduced H. Res. 787, a resolution commemorating Juneteenth Independence Day, which is co-sponsored by 57 of my colleagues.

In introducing this Resolution, I acknowledge Texas State Representative Al Edwards and all Houstonians who honor Juneteenth as well or all who celebrate this freedom day.

Because it was only after that day in 1865 when General Granger rode into Galveston, Texas, on the heels of the most devastating conflict in our country's history, in the aftermath of a civil war that pitted brother against brother, neighbor against neighbor and threatened to tear the fabric of our union apart forever that America truly became the land of the free and the home of the brave.

Not until 1980, a year after my friend, State Representative Al Edwards, introduced a bill in the Texas Legislature did Juneteenth become a Texas state holiday.

Civil rights pioneer Martin Luther King Jr. once said, "Freedom is never free," and African American labor leader A. Phillip Randolph often said "Freedom is never given. It is won."

We should all recognize the power and the ironic truth of those statements and we should pause to remember the enormous price paid by all Americans in our country's quest to realize its promise.

Juneteenth honors the end of the 400 years of suffering African Americans endured under slavery and celebrates the legacy of perseverance that has become the hallmark of the African American experience in the struggle for equality.

Throughout the 1980's and 90's Juneteenth has continued to enjoy a growing and healthy interest from communities and organizations throughout the country.

Institutions such as the Smithsonian, the Henry Ford Museum and others have begun sponsoring Juneteenth-centered activities.

In recent years, a number of National Juneteenth Organizations have arisen to take their place alongside older organizations—all with the mission to promote and cultivate knowledge and appreciation of African American history and culture.

Juneteenth today, celebrates African American freedom while encouraging self-development and respect for all cultures.

As it takes on a more national and even global perspective, the events of 1865 in Texas are not forgotten, for all of the roots tie back to this fertile soil from which a national day of pride is growing.

The future of Juneteenth looks bright as the number of cities and states come on board and form local committees and organizations to coordinate the activities.

RECOGNIZING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY
OF BOY SCOUT TROOP 24

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 20, 2016

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 75th Anniversary of Boy Scout Troop 24.

This 75th Anniversary of Troop 24 is a true milestone for one of the largest Boy Scout troops in the Lenape District of the Washington Crossing Council. Congratulations to the Scouts, past and present, and the leaders who have encouraged and guided young men from the troop's inception in 1941. The nickname "Pioneers" was chosen in the earliest days, an appropriate choice knowing the troop pursues many outdoor camping and high adventure experiences. Scouting produces leaders and trailblazers, much like the early pioneers and modern pioneers who are blazing new trails in space, science and more. The troop first organized in Morrisville, Bucks County, in 1929 and became the official Troop 24 in 1941, sponsored by Doylestown Presbyterian Church. Troop 24 can be proud of its history and the dedication of all its young men, including 154 who achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. Best wishes for many more years of great adventure and outstanding leadership.

IN HONOR OF THE PARK VIEW
BOYS' SOCCER TEAM

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 20, 2016

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the boys' soccer team from Park View High School in my District who recently won the 2016 4A Virginia State Championship. They practiced long hours as a team, and this extraordinary achievement shows how far dedication, hard work, and commitment to teamwork can take a group as they played against some of the best competition in the nation.

The Park View boys' soccer team has made Virginia's 10th Congressional District proud and they have represented us well. Winning a state championship attests to their impressive athletic ability, unselfish mentality, and determination to succeed. I commend them for their tireless dedication to both their school and their teammates, without neither of which this could have been possible. It takes a delicate combination of superior skill and many hours of practice to win a state title. The Park View