

of need. From the European Campaign to the Pacific Asian Theatre to the African Theater, these brave Americans risked life and limb, gave service and sacrificed much, all while embodying what it is to be a hero. We owe them more gratitude than can ever be expressed.

I welcome these brave veterans to Washington and to their memorials. I am proud to submit the names of these men and women for all to see, hear, and recognize, and I call on my colleagues to rise and join me in expressing gratitude.

John A. Andersen, Thomas L. Bajt, Floyd Seine, Gerald Allen Bendle, Richard T. Blaskie, Louis Bommelje, Sarkis Boyajian, Robert P. Campbell, Manuel A. Ceralde, Rudolph F. Chavez Sr., Mark L. Dames, Edward G. Dasbach, Frank J. DePaul, Charles F. Dickason Jr., Jessie B. Dodd, Ronald C. Donner, Richard C. Druse, John R. Durrbeck, William R. Elliott, William P. Erzig, Charles Felski, Harold P. Fleig, William J. Ganson, Salvador T. Garcia, Robert A. Garitano, Edward J. Gawel, Charles T. Germann, Robert A. Green, John Grzywa, Pleze Haynes, Robert M. Healy, Steve J. Horgash, James L. Hubbs, Donald T. Humphrey, Clarence A. Jannush, George Jasencak, Robert J. Jaskula, Ralph S. Jensen, Andrew E. Joseph, John J. Kanya, Michael J. Kidney Jr., Donald E. Klein, Gene R. Krohn, Donald P. Kuech, Joseph T. Lakatos, Frank Laos Jr., Tony Lara, Kenneth W. Larsen, Albert L. Lemak, Robert G. Lemke, John M. Ley, Harlan M. Lunde, Arthur R. Manson, Gerald L. Martin, Glenn J. Masek, James R. Matela, William McNutt, Robert T. McPeek, Edward F. Meier, Robert J. Moore, Joseph J. Muren, Richard E. Nelson, Carl J. Noto, Stuart L. Novy, William F. O'Brien, Daniel D. Ogilvie, Thomas P. Oker, Anthony P. Oleynichak, Charles E. Olson, Henry F. Osters, Raymond J. Paluch, Vernon Mitchell Penland, Joseph A. Pisarczyk, Myron J. Rasmussen, Ricardo E. Reyna, James W. Riordan, John B. Ritzema, Paul William Rodewald, Ramon M. Rodriguez, William L. Rogers, Paul E. Rueff, Robert M. Schiavone, Raymond G. Schmid, Roy E. Schroeder Sr., Lawrence W. Schweik, Henry C. Schwenk, John M. Sherly, Richard S. Simester, Edmond J. Sinnema, Donald David Slovin, Ronald C. Smith, Robert H. Sroka, Robert Stanbery, Creighton Styler, Bruce M. Sublette, Andrew Szocka, Myles N. Tlusty, John Torchalski, Thomas J. Vanek, Sherman Vaughn, Gerald G. Veglia, Arthur T. Vos, Daniel R. Walsh Sr., Philip Warren, Clarence W. Young, James J. Zalusky.

MEDIA DOWNPLAYS "RANSOM PAYMENT" TO IRAN

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 7, 2016

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, last month the Wall Street Journal reported that the Obama administration secretly sent \$400 million in cash to Iran on the same day four American hostages detained in Tehran were released.

The president should admit that the ransom payment to the world's leading state sponsor of terrorism was bad policy and endangers the lives of Americans at home and abroad.

The spokesman for the State Department even admitted that the payment was "leverage," which sounds like he's trying to find a nice word for "ransom."

The media also has not been forthcoming. The Media Research Center found that the Big Three networks devoted ten times more coverage to Olympic swimmer Ryan Lochte's alleged robbery in Brazil than to the \$400 million cash payment to Iran.

It's not a surprise why three-quarters of Americans feel the news media are biased in their reporting.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE DOUGLASS SCHOOL'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 7, 2016

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Douglass School, of Leesburg, Virginia, on their 75th anniversary. This is an important milestone for this wonderful school in my District. The Douglass School celebrated this anniversary in Loudoun County last month on the 13th of August, and it is my pleasure to briefly highlight the impact this school has had on my constituents.

The Douglass School has had a terrific history of success since first opening its doors in 1941. Named after Fredrick Douglass, the famous African-American anti-slavery leader, the Douglass School has stood as a pillar of education for those it serves. Before its founding, African-American families needed a place to educate their children. These parents worked tirelessly to raise the four thousand dollars necessary to purchase the land for building the school. Since the school was desegregated in 1968, it has provided high quality education to students from every race, background, and creed. Equipped with top tier teachers and staff, this school has produced countless student success stories.

Coming from a family of educators, I understand how important a strong education is to the future of our nation. It is schools like the Douglass School that will continue to help shape the United States' role in the ever-changing global economy, while also producing many of our nation's future leaders. Over the years, the faculty has shown an impressive dedication not only to its students, but to the Loudoun community as a whole. The success of this school is a tremendous accomplishment that should make past and present faculty proud.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the Douglass School for 75 years of serving children and their families. I wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

OSCAR REISS, PH.D.

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 7, 2016

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Oscar Reiss,

Ph.D. and World War II Army veteran for his service to our country.

Dr. Reiss served in the United States Army from January 1944 to 1947. During his time he was assigned as a replacement to the 79th Infantry, 315th Division B Company, in Alsace, France, guarding the right flank during the Battle of the Bulge. His company was transported to a small town in the Netherlands, near the German border to practice crossing the Rhine in confiscated German boats. In 1945, he was wounded by shrapnel and taken to a hospital in Liege, Belgium. He was later awarded the Purple Heart for these injuries. His awards and decorations include the Silver Star Medal, the Purple Heart Medal, the Army Good Conduct Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal (with 2 bronze service stars), World War II Victory Medal, the Army of Occupation of Germany Medal, and the Honorable Service Lapel WWII pin.

In 1947, after being discharged from the U.S. Army he returned to the U.S. and was accepted to the University of Chicago chemistry program, beginning his long career in medical research. Dr. Reiss received his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago and continued his postdoctoral fellowship with the American Heart Association's Department of Cardiology. Dr. Reiss's decades long service in environmental biochemistry and medicine culminated in 1991. During his distinguished career he served as a lecturer in various courses on environmental and dental biochemistry at the University of Colorado Medical School and taught foreign seminars, most notably in Germany, France and Bulgaria. Through his courageous service in the military and medical fields, Dr. Reiss charted the path for future generations in this country.

I extend my deepest appreciation to Dr. Reiss for his dedication, integrity and outstanding service to the United States of America.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF COKE HALLOWELL

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 7, 2016

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my good friend Ms. Coke Hollowell in honor of the outstanding contributions she has made to the arts community and the entire San Joaquin Valley. Coke is being honored by the Fresno Arts Council in appreciation of her tireless efforts on behalf of the Valley. Her commitment and dedication to her community deserve to be commended.

Coke's career began by teaching remedial reading for ten years at Sanger Unified School District. Later she was elected and served two terms on the State Center Community College District and continued her educational leadership by going on to serve on the State Center Foundation for seventeen years. Coke has been very active in various community organizations such as, the National Parks Conservation Association, the Fresno Arts Council, the U.C. Merced Foundation, the Downtown Fresno Coalition and Revive the San Joaquin. Coke presently serves on the boards of the Planning and Conservation League Foundation and the California Council of Land Trusts.