

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PROHIBITING THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY FROM AUTHORIZING CERTAIN TRANSACTIONS RELATING TO COMMERCIAL PASSENGER AIRCRAFT TO IRAN

SPEECH OF

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 16, 2016

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 5711, which would prohibit the Secretary of the Treasury from authorizing the U.S. financing of commercial aircraft exports to the Islamic Republic of Iran.

It would be unacceptable to export U.S. planes to Iran Air, a state-owned carrier, which faced sanctions by the Treasury in 2011 for transporting fighters and weapons for the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps. By authorizing the sales of U.S. planes to the Iranian regime, the Obama Administration would be providing material support to the world's foremost state sponsor of terrorism. The United States should not allow the sale of aircraft to Iran, when it is known they will eventually be used for illicit purposes.

MRS. JUANITA C. HAYES

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Mrs. Juanita C. Hayes for her years of service to the communities of the greater San Diego area.

Mrs. Hayes is a vital member of our local societies and is well-known in the public relations sector of San Diego. Prior to working at the San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E), she owned a consulting business for eighteen years. With her own company, she helped to coordinate successful, high profile events such as the 1985 Presidential/Vice Presidential Inaugural Gala, the 1996 Atlanta Olympics, San Diego's Super Bowl XXXII Radio City Productions, and the National Republican Conventions of 1988, 1992, and 1996. Mrs. Hayes additionally dedicated time in public service as the Chief of Staff to former California State Assemblywoman Tricia Hunter.

In addition to her success in private enterprises, Mrs. Hayes has provided decades of mentorship to nonprofit organizations, civic groups, and other small business owners in the San Diego region. She has held crucial community leadership positions, such as the Chief Executive Officer of the San Marcos Chamber of Commerce, where membership grew by over one hundred businesses during her tenure. As she joined SDG&E in 2005, she also became the Director of Outreach and Development for the College of Business Ad-

ministration at the California State University San Marcos.

Mrs. Hayes has spent the last eleven years with SDG&E, focusing on critical infrastructure and energy programs to maintain reliability for the thousands of customers it supplies. Now retiring as Public Affairs Manager, I commend Mrs. Juanita C. Hayes for her decades of service to the community, and send best wishes to her and her husband, Dr. Ash Hayes, as they enjoy her new retirement in San Marcos, California.

RECOGNIZING THE UNTERRIFIED DEMOCRAT ON ITS 150TH YEAR OF CIRCULATION

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a small-town newspaper in my district, the Unterrified Democrat, on their 150th Anniversary. The Unterrified Democrat began publication in Osage County, Missouri on July 3, 1866.

The Unterrified Democrat was founded by southern Democrat Colonel Lebbeus Zevely. His inspiration to publish the newspaper was to showcase his opposition of the political ideology of his day. While Colonel Zevely may have been a southern Democrat that did not mean that he was a Confederate supporter. Colonel Zevely firmly believed in preserving the Union. The Colonel was known to be a stubborn man and therefore was given the nickname, Unterrified Democrat. From this nickname, came the name of the newspaper.

The Unterrified Democrat was passed down through multiple generations of the Zevely family. In 1969, the Zevely family sold the newspaper to Norman and Jane Troesser. Then in 1979, the Unterrified Democrat was purchased by Bradley H. Lockenvitz. In 1980, Ralph and Jerry Voss purchased the Unterrified Democrat. Ralph and Jerry Voss had bought the Osage County Observer in 1969 and with the purchase of the Unterrified Democrat merged the two newspapers together.

When the Voss family purchased the Unterrified Democrat there was some consideration to changing the name as there were occasional discussions about if the newspaper had political leanings. Ultimately, the decision was made to continue on with the Unterrified Democrat name as the Osage County residents were familiar with that name. According to Jerry Voss, the name Unterrified Democrat has pizzazz that creates interest and recognition.

In 1978, Ralph Voss decided to become a public servant and run for the local judge. For twenty-three years, he served on the bench. In 2003, Ralph returned to working at the newspaper. During his time as judge, Jerry ran the Unterrified Democrat. To this day, the Voss

family works together to stuff the newspaper with advertising inserts. Ralph and Jerry's grandchildren help with the delivery of papers to the local businesses.

As a successful small business and a staple of the Osage County community I ask you to join me in recognizing the Unterrified Democrat as they celebrate their 150th year of circulation.

TRIBUTE TO BEV AND REV. DEAN BAER

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Bev and Rev. Dean Baer on their 50th wedding anniversary.

Their lifelong commitment to each other truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 50th anniversary, may their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Bev and Rev. Dean Baer on their 50th wedding anniversary. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Bev and Rev. Dean Baer on this momentous occasion.

HONORING LIEUTENANT GENERAL PETE TAYLOR, U.S. ARMY, RETIRED

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lieutenant General Pete Taylor, U.S. Army, Retired, of Belton, Texas, for his dedication to our country while serving over 33 years in the Army. LTG Taylor exemplifies what it means to commit his life to his country and has more than earned our admiration and respect. He is a deserving recipient of a Congressional Veterans Commendation.

LTG Taylor has more than 33 years of Senior Executive experience as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Army. He has led organizations at every level, culminating with his appointment as Commanding General of III corps at Fort Hood, Texas. For his service and actions in combat, LTG Taylor has been awarded two Distinguished Service Medals, the Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, two Bronze Stars and two Army Commendation Medals for valor. LTG Taylor has focused his career on leading, training, planning, operations, and crisis management.

After retiring from the U.S. Army in 1993, LTG Taylor continued to dedicate his time to

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worthy causes. His leadership skills have been invaluable throughout his post-military career.

LTG Taylor served as one of five congressionally appointed members on the Overseas Basing Commission, is founder and the current chairman of The Heart of Texas Defense Alliance, and founded and served as chairman of the Military Child Education Coalition. From 2006 to 2010, LTG Taylor assisted the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in the development and implementation of their influenza pandemic response plan as well as the ongoing testing and refinement of that plan through training drills and exercises, which paid great dividends in the successful response to H1N1 in 2009.

I commend LTG Taylor's selfless service to his community and nation. His dedication to our country and community reflects the best values of central Texas. I join his family and friends in saluting his great work and dedication to our country.

HONORING MRS. VIVIAN DOTSON JONES ON HER ATTAINMENT OF "DIAMOND SOROR" STATUS FOR 75 YEARS OF SERVICE TO ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY INCORPORATED

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Vivian Dotson Jones on her attainment of "Diamond Soror" status for 75 years of service to Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. She has dedicated years of service to the Alpha Iota chapter at Lincoln University and the entire Jefferson City community.

In 1941, Vivian was initiated into Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated, Alpha Zeta Chapter at Langston University in Langston, Oklahoma. Vivian has been an active member of the Alpha Zeta Chapter and throughout the years has held the office of Sergeant at Arms, Corresponding Secretary, Hospitality Chair, Meditation Chair, and chapter representative to local organizations. Numerous young ladies have been positively impacted by Vivian's outstanding service to the undergraduate chapter, Alpha Iota at Lincoln University. Vivian has served as undergraduate advisor to the Alpha Iota Chapter for more than 20 years.

On June 30, 1921, Vivian was born in Cleveland, Ohio. During her childhood, her father was a Baptist preacher and with that moved his family to different places including Indiana, Nebraska, and Oklahoma. Vivian graduated from Langston University with a Bachelor of Science degree in English. While attending college in Oklahoma, Vivian met and married her husband, Lucius. They had two children, Vivian E. and Lucius D. Vivian, Lucius, and their children enjoyed going to the movies, taking family vacations, and spending time together as a family.

In 1948, Vivian and Lucius moved to Jefferson City and Lucius started his career at Lincoln University. Eventually, Lucius became the print shop director and in 2010 the print shop was named the Lucius Jones Print Shop. Vivian worked for DeVerne L. Calloway, who was the first black female state legislator in the

state of Missouri for six years. In 1969, Vivian started her career as secretary for Lincoln University's president, Dr. Walter Daniel. Vivian went on to work for three more presidents, two interim presidents, a chief executive officer, and an acting president. After 20 years of committed work, Vivian retired in 1989.

Vivian has also been committed to her community by serving on the local and state chapters of the Parent Teacher Association, has held office on the Missouri Parent Teacher Board of Managers, and mentored students at Jefferson City High School. Vivian has enjoyed her membership at Second Baptist Church and served as the church clerk for 25 years.

During Vivian's years of service with the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, she has inspired countless young ladies to become more effective members of the sorority. Her legacy will continue to live on through the lives she has impacted through mentoring and teaching.

I ask you to join me in recognizing Mrs. Vivian Dotson Jones on this momentous occasion of attaining "Diamond Soror" status for 75 years of service to the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.

JEFFERSON COMMUNITY COLLEGE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF PROVIDING THE MILITARY COMMUNITY AT FORT DRUM WITH COLLEGE PROGRAMMING

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and to recognize Jefferson Community College as it celebrates a 30 year partnership with Fort Drum, during which, it has provided the Fort Drum community with access to important college programming. Located in Watertown, New York, the college first began offering courses to members of the Fort Drum community and their families in 1986, developing a strong partnership that has continued to grow over the years.

It is imperative that we not only support our military members, but that we support their families as well, and one way we can do this is by providing the resources and community backing they need and rightly deserve. This partnership between Jefferson Community College and Fort Drum shows the dedication our region has to the Fort Drum community, as well as our commitment to growth through educational opportunities. This partnership has a proven record of success in enabling our military personnel and their families to achieve their long and short term goals, and serves as an important example for similar communities across the country.

Congratulations to Jefferson Community College for continuing your commitment to education and to our military members and their families. I want to wish the staff, faculty, and students of Jefferson Community College continued success in the future.

IRAN SANCTIONS EXTENSION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 15, 2016

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of extending the option of sanctions against Iran by passage of H.R. 6297, the Iran Sanctions Extension Act, which reauthorizes the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996 for 10 years.

As a Senior Member of the Homeland Security Committee, and Ranking Member of the Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations, I am very much aware of what is at stake in the work done by President Obama to ensure that Iran does not have the breakout capacity to build a nuclear weapon.

Events over this Congress make it clear that Congress should be even more vigilant in providing for the protection of the United States.

Congress should be mindful of the:

United States' leadership in the effort to forge an enforceable and verifiable nuclear agreement with Iran; and

Deadliness of chemical weapons when they were used during the Syrian conflict against unarmed men, women, and children.

H.R. 6297, allows Congress the option to impose sanctions, but does renew the imposition of sanctions.

As Congress continues to review the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), which resulted in the significant reduction in Iran's capabilities to develop a nuclear weapon, we must continue the peaceful and verifiable efforts to cut off Iran's pathways to a nuclear weapon.

President Obama and current and former Secretary of State John Kerry and Hillary Clinton were successful in the pursuit of global sanctions and gained the cooperation of the world, including Russia and China, which was critical in bringing the Iranians to the negotiating table on their nuclear arms program.

We should retain in our arsenal the option to impose sanctions so that if necessary the United States can act quickly to coordinate a global response to any threat posed by Iran's verified breach of the JCPOA.

Declaring sanctions for the sake of declaring sanctions against Iran should never be the objective, nor should we forget that the effectiveness of sanctions are their global nature.

Under President Obama's brilliant leadership the United States had the stature around the globe to impose sanctions, and the diplomatic ties to gain global cooperation to expand participation in Iranian sanctions because we could make the case that Iran's nuclear program posed an international threat to peace and stability.

The United States is the world's foremost authority on radiological weapons grade material detection and source identification.

The Department of Homeland Security is leading the effort through its Domestic Nuclear Detection Office (DNDO) to create a Global Nuclear Detection Architecture, which should be aggressively supported with sufficient funding by Congress.

Recognizing the threat posed by nuclear and other radioactive materials, DNDO was created by National Security Presidential Directive (NSPD)-43 and Homeland Security

Presidential Directive (HSPD)—3.4 and subsequently codified by Title V of the Security and Accountability For Every (SAFE) Port Act (Pub. L. No. 109–347), which amended the Homeland Security Act of 2002.

A key area that the United States has focused its capabilities and resources is blocking the enrichment of radioactive materials for weapons use; and the detection of radioactive materials that would pose a threat to public safety and health.

There are several material facts that must be understood about weapons grade radioactive material—each nation's process for refining nuclear material for use in a weapon is unique.

Radioactive material has a unique spectrum range and composition that is akin to signatures that cannot be confused with other sources of radioactive material both natural and manmade.

The first essential fact is that having samples and data from Iranian facilities where materials in Iran were produced established the radiological signatures for materials that could have only come from those facilities or from processes that follow the methods used by the Iranian nuclear physicists who developed their program.

The United States has those samples and the data needed to identify material from Iranian efforts to purify radiological materials.

The second essential fact is that radiological material leaves evidence of its presence long after it may have been removed from an area.

The physical evidence of centrifuges; storage facilities or weapons themselves are not the only evidence that may convict Iran of violation of the agreement; it can also be the unique Iranian radiation trail left behind during any attempt to refine or purify radiological material for use in a weapon or the transfer of even small quantities of material that is generated or sourced by the Iranians.

The third essential fact is that if the Iranians need special centrifuges to refine radiological material to a point that it may be used for a weapon.

H.R. 6297 assures that any attempt by the Iranians to cheat by refining more radiological material than is allowed will be detected and Congress would be prepared to impose a sanctions regime.

Another significant signal of Iranian violation would be the unique signature of the sound made by centrifuges that are used to purify radiological material.

The sound of these massive centrifuges will be detectable many miles away from where they are operated—and the United States has the resources in place in cooperation with allies around the world to detect if enrichment activity is occurring.

Operating more centrifuges than is allowed by the agreement would be a actionable sign that Iran is seeking to purify more radioactive material than is allowed by the agreement.

This is important to the timeline in calculating the time to breakout—having enough enriched material to use in a weapon.

The final essential fact is that the United States has satellite surveillance and ground surveillance capability to detect in great detail activity on the ground.

The United States used these resources to identify nuclear arms activity that informed the administration of the severity of the issue and used that evidence to galvanize international

support for one of the most successful embargoes in human history.

For these reasons, I will join my colleagues in supporting passage of this bipartisan effort to extend by 10 years the period that sanctions may be applied to Iran.

I urge you to join me in support of this bill and the excellent work of the Obama Administration in making the world much safer from nuclear threats.

HONORING MR. LARRY HORSTDANIEL, A KOREAN WAR VETERAN CELEBRATING THE 63RD ANNIVERSARY OF HIS BARBERSHOP

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a veteran and small businessman in my district, Mr. Larry Horstdaniel as he celebrates his 63rd Anniversary as a barber and serving the Jefferson City community. Along with his entrepreneurial spirit, Mr. Horstdaniel served valiantly in the Korean War.

After growing up in Westphalia, Missouri, Mr. Horstdaniel attended Moler Barber School in St. Louis, MO. In the 1950's he moved to Jefferson City, Missouri and began working as a barber. In 1971, Mr. Horstdaniel opened his own barber shop at 224 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. He has been located in the same location since 1971 and has become a staple of the local community. Mr. Horstdaniel says that he only does two things, "cut hair and grass." At the age of 88 years old, he continues to work most of the week, but does take Wednesdays off, to mow his lawn, and also Sundays.

In 2014, Missouri Governor Jay Nixon visited Mr. Horstdaniel for a haircut and to honor him for his service in the Korean War. Mr. Horstdaniel was awarded a Korean War Service Medal from Governor Nixon for his sacrifice to our nation.

Mr. Horstdaniel says that his favorite aspect of his job is that he gets to meet a variety of people with great stories and backgrounds. He says that, "Each day is different. It's what keeps me here. The politicians in town are what have kept me in business over the years." When asked what Mr. Horstdaniel's secret to life is, he said, "Drink two scotches every evening before your meal, and you'll live to be 100!" He also stated that he has just a few years left working in the barbering industry, as he plans to retire when he is 90 years old.

As an honorable veteran of our armed forces, a successful businessman and a cornerstone of our community, I ask you to join me in recognizing Mr. Larry Horstdaniel as he celebrates this 63rd Anniversary of his business.

TRIBUTE TO JULIA AND DARWIN WILLIAMS

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Julia and Darwin Williams on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Julia and Darwin were married on September 4, 1966, and now reside in Villisca, Iowa. Their lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa's values. As they reflect on their 50th anniversary, may their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for years to come.

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

ON THE PASSING OF GEORGE H. WEDGWORTH

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mourn the loss of my good friend, George H. Wedgworth. A leader and icon of the Florida agricultural industry, George's contribution to the Glades community cannot be overstated and will be felt for generations to come.

In 1960, George founded the Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative of Florida. During his more than 50 years as the organization's leader, George grew the Cooperative into the single largest employer in Belle Glade, Florida. Today, as a result of George's leadership and vision, the Cooperative, along with its partner, Florida Crystals Corporation, own the largest sugar refining company in the world, accounting for 6 million tons of refined sugar capacity and net sales of \$4 billion annually.

George's professional success led him to be named Sugar Man of the Year in 2005. But his success and impact in our community was not limited to the sugar industry. Throughout his long career, George was president and director of numerous organizations, including the Florida Fruit & Vegetable Association, and the Florida and Belle Glade Chambers of Commerce. In the 1950s he also founded the Florida Celery Exchange. His contributions to the agricultural industry led to his introduction into The Florida Agricultural Hall of Fame in 1994 and to being named one of Florida's "Most Influential Men" by Florida Trend magazine.

For those that had the pleasure of knowing George, they know all about the impact he had in his community. George grew up in the Glades and is as much a part of its history as the sugar cane that is grown there. Moving from Mississippi to Belle Glade, Florida with his family when he was 2, George went on to graduate from Belle Glade High School. Leaving the area for only a short time to attend Michigan State College, now Michigan State University, where he earned a degree in agricultural engineering, he returned to the Glades

and lived much of his life in the same one-story concrete block house his mother, Ruth, built in 1941.

Mr. Speaker, in an interview speaking about the Glades, George once remarked, "I've never had the desire to go anywhere else." That was the kind of man George was; a man who grew up in the Glades and through hard work and dedication went on to positively transform the fabric of our community. George H. Wedgworth will be remembered as a titan of Florida agriculture, but more importantly he will be remembered as a pillar of the community that he loved. His legacy will live on for generations to come, and he will be dearly missed.

HONORING VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH ON ITS 150TH ANNIVERSARY AND VISITATION INTER-PARISH SCHOOL ON ITS 125TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish and Visitation Inter-Parish School in Vienna, Missouri. The parish will be celebrating its 150th Anniversary on June 17, 2017 and the school will be celebrating its 125th Anniversary in 2018.

Reverend John Goeldlin, a Catholic missionary priest, became the first priest to provide Catholic services to the community during the mid-1850's. In the year 1859, the community of Vienna came together for its first Catholic worship service. Then in 1867, the first official Catholic church was built for the parishioners of Vienna. Vienna, Missouri is a small town with around 614 residents and they were thankful for a parish in their community. As the congregation began growing, a new church was built in 1885 to accommodate the additional parishioners. Reverend John Fugel was assigned in 1896 to lead the church and would remain the priest at Blessed Virgin Mary Parish for the next 40 years. In 1903 the first county Catholic newspaper, called the Home Adviser, was founded by Reverend Fugel. Starting in 1904 and finishing in 1909, Reverend Fugel led the parishioners in building a new Catholic church. This structure is still being used today. On September 8, 1909, Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish was dedicated by the parishioners and Reverend Fugel. Currently, Reverend Matthew Flatley is the parish priest.

For the children in the surrounding community, education was important so the first Visitation Inter-Parish School was established in 1893. The parishioners of Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish celebrated the opening of their new Catholic school building in 1926. To ensure its students would have a solid Catholic education, in 1953, the parish decided to build a convent for the Sisters Adorers of the Most Precious Blood who would teach the children. Throughout the years, Visitation Inter-Parish School has helped shape the lives of more than 1,000 students. The Visitation Inter-Parish School will be celebrating their 125th Anniversary in 2018.

I ask you to join me in recognizing Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish and Visitation Inter-Parish School on this momentous occasion of their 150th and 125th Anniversaries. The historic past and promising future of support, love, and encouragement that the church and school have provided to the community will not be forgotten.

HONORING PRIVATE FIRST CLASS SHIRLEY STEPHENSON

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Private First Class Shirley Stephenson, of Salado, Texas, for her selfless dedication and service to our nation while serving under the Women's Army Corps and her continued, unparalleled contributions to her community. I'm honored to award her a Congressional Veterans Commendation.

PFC Stephenson entered the service in Houston, Texas in June 1959 where she would begin serving her country. Since her honorable discharge, PFC Stephenson has become a pillar in her community and has served and contributed in ways that exemplify the highest standards of service.

Throughout PFC Stephenson's life, she has served on multiple boards and community organizations, such as the Harker Heights Parks and Recreation Board, the KPLE Christian Broadcasting Corporation Board and the Hope Pregnancy Centers Board. While dedicating her time to these institutions, she also served as the President of the Fort Hood Retired Officers' Wives Club, a Goodwill Ambassador to the Killeen Chamber of Commerce and served as the President of the Chisholm Trail American Business Women Association.

PFC Stephenson is both soldier and committed activist. She has worked on numerous political, organized county conventions, and served as President of the Central Texas Republican Women from 2008 through 2010.

PFC Stephenson's hard work and service has not gone unnoticed. Along with her being honored by Governor Perry as a Yellow Rose of Texas, she's received the Chisholm Trail ABWA, Salado, Woman of the Year and Hall of Fame award, as well as the Vietnam Service Award in May 2016.

I commend Private First Class Shirley Stephenson's selfless service to her community and nation. Her commitment to excellence and citizenship reflect the best values we hold as Americans. I join her family, friends and colleagues in saluting her great work and dedication to our country.

HONORING MR. HENRY F. MOZELL

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life outstanding service of Mr. Henry F. Mozell who passed away on Monday August 8, 2016.

Mr. Mozell was born in Dover, North Carolina on Christmas Day, 1936. Immediately

after moving to the Bay Area in 1955 Mr. Mozell started his legend of service by serving in the United States Military. During his time of service in the Navy, he also took it upon himself to enroll at Laney College in Oakland and grew to love and appreciate his community.

After completing his studies at Laney College, Mr. Mozell decided to study Urban Studies at the University of California.

It was known that the time he spent at the University of California had a profound influence on his dedication to giving to communities in need.

CONGRATULATING KAMERON GOETZ

HON. DAN NEWHOUSE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Kameron Goetz—a distinguished high school student from Coulee City, Washington, and a committed advocate for our nation's veterans. Kameron was named a Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) finalist for his speech during the 2016 "National Public Speaking II" competition. Earlier this year, Kameron contacted my congressional office and shared a copy of the speech he had delivered to the FBLA. I encourage all of my colleagues to read this speech, which details the life and service of Kameron's grandfather, David Wayne Long, who volunteered for the U.S. Army following his high school graduation and served honorably in the Vietnam War. For his service, Mr. Long was awarded numerous military awards and medals, including the Parachutist Badge, Combat Infantryman's badge, Bronze Star, and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, as well as three Purple Hearts for wounds received in combat. Following his discharge from the U.S. Army, Mr. Long settled down in Washington, started a family, and became a successful businessman. However, as is far too common, Mr. Long returned from the war with wounds that cannot be seen by the naked eye and suffered from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) for much of his civilian life. Tragically, on February 3, 2014, David Wayne Long took his own life after a decades-long battle with PTSD.

Mr. Long's story is one that we hear far too often, as too many of our brave men and women serving in the Armed Forces return home from the battlefield and are faced with the mental wounds and memories from their time at war. Our veterans have made great sacrifices to ensure the rights and freedoms of all Americans are protected and we owe them a debt of gratitude that can never be repaid. However, we must ensure that our nation's service-members receive the best care and treatment available, and we must also dedicate ourselves to supporting causes and organizations that are working tirelessly to assist our country's heroes as their own personal health battles continue. Kameron's speech, as well as his dedication to helping our nation's troops and veterans, has inspired me and many people around the country to give back and volunteer for efforts that help the brave men and women of our Armed Forces, past and present, who have sacrificed so much in

service to our country. The speech Kameron gave to FBLA is truly moving and his ongoing commitment to support our veterans should serve as an example for all Americans. I would like to thank Kameron and his family for their dedicated service and patriotism. I am honored to be able to include his remarks in the RECORD.

SPEECH DELIVERED BY KAMERON GOETZ—FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA—NATIONAL PUBLIC SPEAKING II COMPETITION, 2016

A little over two centuries ago a nation of men rose up, and threw off the yoke of oppression that had been thrust upon them by a far away monarch. In acquiring their freedom and breaking their bonds, many men laid down their lives. Today, it is because of their sacrifice that we are free. But this freedom must be continually fought for in order to keep it. As members of FBLA, we strive to develop character, prepare for useful citizenship, and foster patriotism. At a minimum, every citizen of the United States should have similar goals. However, some have set and achieved much higher goals, while consequently paying a higher price. Today, I am going to tell you of one such person, and of the price he paid.

There was a small town farm boy who grew up right here in Washington State. You could call him the "All-American Kid." He was a hard worker, a good student, and an exceptional athlete. Once this All-American Kid graduated from high school, he was faced with an All-American decision. Join the Army or follow his mother's advice to settle down and get married to his high school sweetheart. As much as he wanted to please his mother, he chose the Army. He quickly adapted to his new life, becoming an excellent soldier—1st in his class at Basic Training. Once his training was complete, the All-American Kid was shipped off to a far away war, in a far away land, called Vietnam.

In the sweltering jungles of Southeast Asia, he came face to face with the monsters of war. He saw things that no man, let alone any boy, should ever see. Then he came home. The All-American Kid had a Bronze Star on his chest for valor, the physical scars of three separate combat wounds, and the demons that accompanied the atrocities he had witnessed. He was a hero, but was not treated as such. As he stepped back onto U.S. soil for the first time in months, the All-American kid was spit on and berated. He was called a "butcher," a "rapist," and a "baby killer."

The All-American rushed past the names and moved on. The demons he brought back with him were pushed deep down, far away. He settled down, got married, started a family, and became a successful businessman. Life was great on the outside. But on the inside, everything was much worse. His demons had never left him. For years they clawed, and ripped, and tore away at his very soul. And he fought, and he fought, and he fought back with everything he had. Finally, after years of fighting, he lost the fight. On February 3, 2014, my grandfather, David Wayne Long, the All-American Kid, succumbed to his demons. He committed suicide.

58,000 men and women lost their lives under a Vietnam sky. An additional 100,000 came home, only to take their lives under their own roofs. Every day, twenty-two veterans kill themselves. With that number, we are losing 8,000 veterans a year. They are all suffering from the same common disease. This disease is Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, or more commonly known as PTSD. PTSD won't let you move on from what you have seen, heard, or done in traumatic circumstances. It eats at you, slowly deteriorating

your very will to live. It cannot be cured, it cannot be stopped. But it can be treated. Foundations such as the Wounded Warrior Project are dedicated to helping men and women of the United States Armed Forces, past and present, recover from the physical and mental wounds of war. Specifically, for those suffering with mental afflictions, the people at WWP take them in and simply love on them. They make them feel appreciated. Now this is key, because one of the worst fears for every soldier is not the fear of death. It is the fear that they will come home and the people, who they would have died for on a daily basis, do not care.

The Wounded Warrior Project can't help veterans alone. They need support, and they need partners. We need to be that support, and we need to be those partners, because it is the men and women who have served our country for generations that have upheld our freedom. I am ready to stand up and give back. Rise up with me. Let's all give back. Let's give back to those who gave.

HONORING MILLER COUNTY SHERIFF BILL ABBOTT ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a constituent of mine, Miller County Sheriff Bill Abbott on his upcoming retirement. As a native and resident of Miller County, I also happen to be one of Sheriff Abbott's constituents. Sheriff Abbott is retiring from his position in December 2016. Sheriff Abbott has dedicated more than sixteen years of service to Miller County residents since his appointment to office on April 6, 1999. The enthusiasm Sheriff Abbott has for his job hasn't been lost over the years he has served. Even with that enthusiasm, Sheriff Abbott realizes that it is time for a change.

As a Miller County resident, Sheriff Abbott has remained committed to his county, the people who reside in the county, and the state of Missouri. He comes from a family of public servants, some of whom served in law enforcement and his mother, Kathryn, who worked in the dispatch office. He credits his success as Miller County Sheriff to the support he has received from his family and community members. Sheriff Abbott's goal when he attained the position was to restore the public trust in the sheriff's office.

Around 640 square miles are encompassed within the Miller County Sheriff's Department jurisdiction. Sheriff Abbott currently has eight road officers covering that area day and night and, additionally, has two detectives that also contribute their time to road work. There have been some difficult cases during his time as sheriff, including seven infant deaths in just a year and a half time span. While there have been some tough cases, there were also many good moments as well. Under Sheriff Abbott's leadership, several positive changes in the jail and courthouse have occurred. Throughout the updates at the jail and courthouse, Sheriff Abbott was committed to using vendors from the Miller County area. It was important to him to keep everything local. Sheriff Abbott attributes the successes of the sheriff's office to the good staff and continuing support from the community.

With this retirement, Sheriff Abbott will be able to enjoy more time with his wife, Linda, and their children, Gayle, Gwen, Chad, and Courtney. He will also undoubtedly treasure the extra moments he can spend with his fifteen grandchildren. I know Sheriff Abbott is also looking forward to working more with the cattle that he and his son own.

I ask you to join me in recognizing Sheriff Bill Abbott for his more than sixteen years of service to the Miller County Sheriff's Department, the residents of the county, and the entire state of Missouri.

TRIBUTE TO JANICE AND RICK STONE

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Janice and Rick Stone of Council Bluffs, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. They celebrated their anniversary on August 6, 2016.

Janice and Rick's lifelong commitment to each other, their daughter and their grandchildren, truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 50th anniversary, may their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for years to come.

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

IRAN SANCTIONS EXTENSION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 15, 2016

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to voice my support for H.R. 6297, the Iran Sanctions Extension Act.

Despite continued pressure and condemnation from the international community, the Iranian regime defiantly continues its ballistic missile testing, human rights abuses, and sowing discord throughout the world as the leading state sponsor of terrorism. These threatening acts, coupled with continued violations of the nuclear agreement, should not be tolerated without check. That's why I am voicing my strong support for H.R. 6297, the Iran Sanctions Extension Act. This act is one of the most important pillars to the statutory sanctions against Iran to address its illicit activities. I applaud the House for coming together in a near unanimous fashion to pass this bipartisan legislation and hope the President agrees to sign it.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SUZANNE BONAMICI

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be in Washington, D.C. on November 14, 2016, because my flight from Oregon was delayed because of maintenance issues. If I had been present I would have voted in favor of H.R. 985, the Concrete Masonry Products Research, Education, and Promotion Act, and H.R. 2669, the Anti-Spoofing Act of 2016.

H.R. 985 allows producers of concrete masonry to collaborate on a coordinated research and education program to develop and improve markets for concrete masonry products. The bill authorizes the Department of Commerce to oversee the board administering the program. If I had been present I would have voted for the bill.

H.R. 2669 expands current consumer protections to prohibit the transmission of inaccurate caller-ID information over text messages or Voice-over-Internet (ViOP) calls. Under current law, only voice calls are protected from inaccurate caller-ID information. Additionally, the bill requires the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to provide consumers with information to help identify scams that are perpetrated using inaccurate caller-ID information. If I had been present I would have voted for the bill.

TEXAS AGRICULTURE MEMORIAL DAY

HON. JOE BARTON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Mr. BARTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the first annual Texas Agricultural Memorial Day, a day we remember the lives lost and the sacrifices made by our state's farmers and ranchers as they provide food and clothing for Texas families. Texas Governor Greg Abbott designated November 21st as Texas Agriculture Memorial Day, which will be observed annually. The inaugural ceremony will be held on November 21, 2016 in the Auditorium of the Texas State Capitol in Austin, Texas.

Every year, there will be a nomination and application process to add names of honorees to the memorial for three categories—memorial, honor and memorial service. The memorial list is for those who have lost their life while engaged in agricultural-related pursuits. The honor list is for those who have had a severely debilitating accident while engaged in agricultural-related pursuits. The memorial service list is for those who lost their life in a non-agricultural accident and had an active role in an agricultural operation.

John Paul and Heather Dineen from Waxahachie, Texas envisioned the annual Texas Agricultural Memorial Day and organized the inaugural ceremony. Ten years ago, the Dineen family lost their five-year-old son, Johnny, in an agriculture accident. They are committed to sharing their story and advocating for safety awareness and education.

Working alongside Governor Abbott and the Texas Farm Bureau, their hard work and vision culminated in the creation of the Texas Agriculture Memorial Day.

REVEREND DOCTOR JULES SMITH AND REVEREND IDA SMITH

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Reverend Doctor Jules Smith and his wife Reverend Ida Smith for their service and dedication to their community and the Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church.

As devoted servants of the Lord, Reverend Doctor Smith has served the Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church with faith, devotion, and integrity since 1986. Under his leadership and Ida by his side, the church has grown from 33 members to over 1500 and serves 42 multi-faceted ministries to meet the needs of every age group. Prior to joining Rising Star Church, Reverend Doctor Smith served as Assistant Pastor at Unity Baptist Church in the Bronx, New York and as Sunday School Radio Commentator and Associate Pastor at Union Baptist Church in Denver.

Reverend Ida Smith serves as First Lady and Associate Minister at Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church. Reverend Ida has inspired many throughout her work, serving on several missionary tours to Canada; Caribbean Islands; Burkina Faso, West Africa; Nassau, Bahamas; Lagos, Nigeria; and China.

Together, they also serve in various leadership capacities across a variety of local and national organizations including the General Missionary Baptist Convention of Colorado, Salem Baptist District Association, Baptist Ministers Conference of Metro Denver, International Association of Ministers' Wives and Widows, RSMBC Spiritual Stars Women's Ministry, and the American Baptist Churches of the Rocky Mountains. In addition, they have both received numerous awards, citations and commendations in both the secular and Christian communities.

I extend my deepest appreciation to Reverend Doctor Jules Smith and Reverend Ida Smith for their service and dedication to the Rising Star Church congregants and our community.

RECOGNIZING SEA ROAD SCHOOL AS A 2016 NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL

HON. CHELLIE PINGREE

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sea Road School in Kennebunk, Maine for its selection as a 2016 National Blue Ribbon School.

Every year, the Department of Education selects Blue Ribbon Schools from across the country to celebrate excellence in teaching and learning. Sea Road School is one of 329 public and private elementary, middle, and

high schools honored in 2016, the culmination of a long process of nomination and application focused on its record of sustained student achievement.

Sea Road School is an Exemplary High Performing School. The commitment that requires from the entire community cannot be overstated. But we also know that the true measure of a school is not based on test scores alone. It's in the devotion of educators, who endeavor to understand how each child learns best. It's in the willingness of students to discover their strengths and follow their passions. It's in the support and engagement of parents and community members who know the incalculable value of a strong start for our kids.

Mr. Speaker, Sea Road School is a community dedicated to fostering scholarship and compassion in each child who walks through its doors, and I'm proud to see it so deservedly recognized on a national level. I commend Principal Stephen Marquis, Superintendent Kathryn Hawes, and all the educators, staff, parents, and students who have worked to build this success. Keep it up.

COMMEMORATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE IBEW LOCAL 129

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th anniversary of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 129 of Lorain, Ohio. This is an incredibly significant centennial milestone of labor history in northern Ohio.

Since 1916, IBEW Local 129 has served northern Ohio with distinction, providing the highest quality of electrical work and providing power to the residents of the Lorain-Elyria area. Its members continue to dedicate their careers to the advancement of wages, benefits and working conditions for all electrical workers.

The history of this organization dates back to March 1, 1916 when the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 129 was chartered in Elyria, Ohio. The founding eleven brothers were: Henry Therman, H.R. Ward, Gus Pallas, A.J. Miller, I.W. Horton, Ray Ward, J.W. Bareholmen, John Keishair, F.A. Lawrence, A.E. Gramholz and C. Pallas.

Beginning wages were roughly \$0.12/hour—which was far greater than an unorganized laborer in those days.

In 1917, IBEW Local 627 Lorain was formed under the leadership of Organizer Boyle from Local 129. By the time 1930 rolled around, the membership numbers and work available to the two locals was not what either had anticipated. After much deliberation and negotiation, Local 129 of Elyria absorbed Local 627 of Lorain and, under one banner became the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 129 of Lorain, Ohio.

The skilled men and women of IBEW Local 129 have contributed their time and talents to many notable projects including: The National Tube Company, Fruehauf Trailer Plant at Avon Lake, United States Steel, The Ford Manufacturing Plant, local commercial developments like O'Neil's Shopping Center, Lorain

County Schools, Lorain and the surrounding area hospitals, American Shipbuilding, Cleveland Electric Illuminating, and B.F. Goodrich, to name a few.

IBEW founder Henry Miller envisioned a union of electrical workers banded together toward the goal of improved safety, wages and working conditions for the brotherhood. A century later, his legacy stands tall through the brothers and sisters of Local 129. We offer our heartiest congratulations to IBEW Local 129 in celebration of its rich history and thank you for working to illuminate our world over the last 100 years.

CELEBRATING THE SERVICE OF
SPECIALIST DONALD SCHLIESSER

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the service and achievements of an esteemed and valued citizen of Cedar Park, Texas. Specialist Donald Schliesser has dedicated himself to serving his community and is an embodiment of the Army values of honor, loyalty, and selfless service. He is deserving recipient of a Congressional Veteran Commendation.

SPC Schliesser enlisted in the Army in June 1957. After nine years of combined Active and Reserve service as a military radio operator, he left the Army and worked in the civilian sector as a financial planner. He concluded his successful career after 42 years, and enjoyed the next few years in retirement traveling our great nation with his wife. Choosing to be closer to their son, SPC Schliesser and his wife moved to Cedar Park, Texas.

Throughout SPC Schliesser's life, he has demonstrated his deep commitment to selfless service time and time again. In 2007, and again in 2015, SPC Schliesser decided to come out of retirement to serve on the Bond Advisory Task Force to review and recommend potential bond projects to the City Council. His efforts helped establish Cedar Park's infrastructure to accommodate its massive growth. Being an avid pilot, he served in the Contra County Sheriff's Air Posse. Applying his skills learned from the Army, he assists in emergency communications as an amateur radio operator. In 2011, he led the effort to raise \$225,000 in community donations for the Cedar Park Veterans Memorial. Citizens like SPC Schliesser are essential to making cities like Cedar Park, TX great places to live.

Though humble about his military service, Specialist Schliesser has remained dedicated to serving his community and honoring the military. I commend him for his work and am honored to award him a Congressional Veteran Commendation.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE
PLAYERS ASSOCIATION

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 60th Anniversary of the

National Football League Players Association (NFLPA).

Since 1956, the NFLPA has served as a strong advocate and defender of the players that make the National Football League (NFL) a world class product. As professional athletes, the players train and compete at the highest level.

The service you provide to your members is incredibly important. In fact, the NFLPA helps ensure the best interests of its players by negotiating a strong Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA), ensuring the terms of the CBA are met, negotiating strong retirement and insurance benefits, and enhancing the image of players and their profession on and off the field.

As an avid Denver Broncos fan, the players are valuable and important to our city, the Broncos organization and the sport of football. Our committed Broncos players have brought three Super Bowl Championships home to the city of Denver. The players have always been active in our community and continue to make our city proud.

I want to take this opportunity to extend my appreciation and commend the players union for the representation it provides to the talented and hardworking football players of the NFL.

WELCOME MEERA ANUSHA
SARASWATI TEPPARA

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I am grateful to congratulate my former Chief of Staff Dino Teppara and his wife, Vatsala, on the birth of their daughter. Meera Anusha Saraswati Teppara was born at 11:10 p.m. on Sunday, October 9, 2016, in South Carolina. Meera weighed six pounds and fourteen ounces and measured 19 inches long. She is the second child for the happy couple and I look forward to watching her grow as she is raised by talented parents who will be dedicated to her wellbeing and bright future.

I would also like to congratulate Meera's grandparents, Vijay and Vasanti Alsi of Vienna, Virginia, and Dilip and Gita Teppara of Columbia, South Carolina. Congratulations to the entire Alsi and Teppara families as they welcome their newest addition of pure pride and joy.

HONORING MS. PATRICIA MARIE
JONES

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life and invaluable service of Ms. Patricia Jones, who passed away August 5, 2016.

Patricia Marie Jones was born on September 3, 1944 in Vallejo, California to Booker T. and Mildred Jones. At a young age the family relocated back to its homeland of Heidelberg, Mississippi where Patricia graduated

from Southside High School at the top of her class.

After her high school graduation, Patricia moved back to the Bay Area and enrolled at Vallejo Junior college. Patricia earned her Associates Degree. Understanding the power of education, Patricia transferred to San Francisco State University where she would earn her Bachelor's Degree two years later in Journalism. She then enrolled into University of California, Berkeley and in 1973 earned her Master's Degree in City Planning.

Patricia had a distinguished career in public service that included local, state and federal service. She served in the city of Richmond as the city planner, the assistant to the City Manager for External Affairs and Assistant Director of Housing Development. She also served as a Board member of the East Bay Community Foundation. Most recently Patricia served as Assistant Executive Director of the Association of Bay Area Governments, a regional planning agency representing nine counties in the Bay Area.

Patricia was committed to excellence known for her work ethic, integrity, creativity and fierce determination. She excelled at everything she did.

Patricia was also a world traveler and over the years had visited Africa, Asia, Europe, South America and Cuba. She lived a full life and inspired all those around her to do the same.

But no matter her accomplishments, Patricia always put family first; she always made time for them no matter the time of day or size of the problem. She leaves to honor her memory, brothers Terry and Kenneth Jones, along with her many nieces and nephews.

Today, California's 13th Congressional District remembers the extraordinary life of Ms. Patricia Jones. Her contributions have truly impacted countless lives throughout the Bay Area. I join her loved ones in celebrating her incredible life and offer my most sincere condolences.

LAURA TOBEY, NATURAL GROCERS BY VITAMIN COTTAGE, PREMIUM PANELS INC., WANCO INC., COMMUNITY FIRST FOUNDATION AND GENE AND DEE MILSTEIN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Laura Tobey with Natural Grocers by Vitamin Cottage, Premium Panels Inc., Wanco Inc., Community First Foundation, and Gene and Dee Milstein for being honored by the Arvada Economic Development Association for their outstanding contributions to the Arvada community.

Laura Tobey is posthumously recognized with the "Community Champion Award". Through her vision, enthusiasm and leadership, Laura was instrumental in the redevelopment of the blighted buildings in Olde Town Arvada. Today this area of Arvada is a thriving retail and commercial district. Her significant impact on the community will be felt for years to come.

Natural Grocers by Vitamin Cottage is recognized as "Retailer of the Year". Their capital

investment of \$750,000 to the property at 77th and Wadsworth Boulevard created improvements to the façade and interiors including opening an interior walkway to all tenants. I commend Natural Grocers by Vitamin Cottage on their mission is to provide shoppers with an affordable, healthy lifestyle as well as empower them to take control of their own wellbeing.

Premium Panels Inc. is recognized as the "Outstanding Small Business" for their \$3.1 million capital investment in a building in the Arvada Tech Center allowing the company to remain in Arvada and double their workforce. Premium Panels provides high quality metal roofing panels for commercial and residential roofing.

Wanco Inc. is recognized with the "Outstanding Large Business Award" for their \$8.6 million expansion of a 95,000 square foot building which resulted in the retention of the existing facility and 200 new jobs. Wanco was established in 1984 and is the leading manufacturer of highway safety and traffic control products.

Community First Foundation is recognized with the "Community Partnership Award" for their \$1 million grant to Red Rocks Community College (RRCC) Health Sciences building in Arvada. This investment in the RRCC will improve the quality of education for students and create positive change within the community. Community First Foundation is a grant making public charity dedicated to identifying and solving broad community problems. Gene and Dee Milstein are recognized with the "Lloyd J King Entrepreneurial Spirit Award".

Gene and Dee are the founders and owners of Applewood Seed Company which has been in business for more than 50 years. Applewood Seed Company is a premier commercial and wholesale supplier of wildflower, garden flower, native grass and herb seed. I commend them on their commitment to innovation, their community and the environment.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege and honor to recognize each of the Arvada Economic Development Association award recipients for their professionalism, investment in the community, and their dedication to making Arvada a thriving world class city.

IN RECOGNITION OF SER METRO-DETROIT FOR THEIR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize SER Metro-Detroit, a nonprofit organization that offers workforce training and skills development to the greater Detroit community. SER promotes self-sufficiency and upward mobility through its literacy, education and employment initiatives, and has played a key role in creating the vibrant metropolitan Detroit workforce that exists today.

SER Metro-Detroit was founded in 1971 as a non-profit organization to provide skills training and placement services for employers in the private sector. Since its establishment, the organization has expanded its offerings to include youth outreach and education programs, as well as further developing its workforce

placement program. Today, SER Metro-Detroit offers targeted programs for adults and youth to train program participants and place them into private sector employment. The programs include apprenticeship placements for qualified individuals, as well as financial and employment coaching that better prepares trainees for entry into the workforce.

SER has provided southeast Michigan residents with the skills and training they need to succeed in the global workforce. Additionally, it has created a pool of skilled workers that possess the training expertise that is in demand in the workplace. As a result, well-paying skilled manufacturing and skilled trade jobs are returning to Michigan, and the region has benefited from this economic revitalization. SER Metro-Detroit's comprehensive offering of education, training and employment opportunities has proven successful in helping to alleviate the economic difficulties that many families in southeast Michigan face.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing SER Metro-Detroit for its workforce development initiatives. It has had a positive impact on the lives of thousands of Metro Detroit residents and been a catalyst for the economic rejuvenation of the region.

CELEBRATING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR ELIJAH KING, JR., U.S. ARMY, RETIRED

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the accomplishments of Command Sergeant Major Elijah King, Jr., U.S. Army, Retired, who served his country in the Army for 30 years and continues to serve his fellow soldiers and his community following his retirement. He is a fitting recipient of a Congressional Veteran Commendation.

A native son of Tuskegee, Alabama, CSM King enlisted in the U.S. Army in August of 1977. Along with serving in Korea and Germany, he is a veteran of Operation Desert Shield/Storm and served two tours in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He retired from the U.S. Army in 2007 as Command Sergeant Major of 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division at Fort Hood, Texas. During his service in the U.S. Army, CSM King was a recipient of numerous awards and recognitions, including the prestigious Legion of Merit and three Bronze Star Medals for his service in combat.

This brave soldier is also a committed citizen. Following his military career, he continued to support the military and community through positions in various services such as the Co-Chairman of the Fort Hood Retired Council and the Chairman of the Central Texas Area Veterans Advisory Committee. He was a member of the Killeen Branch NAACP, Board of Directors KISD Communities in Schools, and Military Child Education Coalition. CSM King's work has improved the quality of life in central Texas in immeasurable ways.

CSM King's motto is "Old Soldiers never die and I refuse to fade away." As evidenced from the respect and admiration that his fellow sol-

diers and colleagues have for him, along with lasting effect on the community he loves, CSM Elijah King stands true to his word and will never fade away. I'm grateful that heroes like him call central Texas home.

UNITED IN BLUE

HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Mr. PALAZZO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the incredible sacrifices that our law enforcement officers have made in order to protect us and keep our communities safe. Although acts of heroism are displayed every day by the proud men and women in blue across the Mississippi Gulf Coast, it is the extraordinary sacrifices of officers in our sister state of Louisiana that I am compelled to highlight today.

On July 17th, 2016, Corporal Montrell Jackson and Officer Matthew Gerald with the Baton Rouge Police Department and Deputy Brad Garafola with the East Baton Rouge Sheriff's Parish Office were shot and killed in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Sergeant Bruce Simmons and Corporals Chad Montgomery and Nicholas Tullier were also injured in the same shooting. These men were not just protectors; they were fathers, husbands, brothers, and sons. We are in awe of their courage, and we are indebted to them for their service and sacrifice.

Mr. Speaker, I have noticed a frightening trend in this country. I have never seen this level of disrespect and injustice towards our law enforcement on such a large scale. Even though these anti-police sentiments are only harbored by a small, unappreciative, and sometimes hateful minority, we must speak louder in defense of those who protect us.

Ultimately, if we do not unite as a nation by showing unwavering and unequivocal respect for proud institutions like our police, then we are inviting further unconscionable acts. We must work harder than ever, in the memory of these officers, to assure that we make America safe again. Despite this tragedy, there is still ample reason for hope. In this time of grief, in the wake of these heinous acts, law enforcement agencies across the country have banded together with the Baton Rouge community in order to show their support for the families and friends of these officers.

Later this week, Mississippi Gulf Coast law enforcement agencies are partnering with the Mississippi Gulf Coast Blue Team to host a special charity event titled "United in Blue" for the fallen and wounded officers from Baton Rouge. All proceeds will rightfully go to support the families and wounded officers.

Above all else, on behalf of your brothers and sisters in South Mississippi, I would like to thank every man and woman in law enforcement in South Louisiana. And I would like to thank all law enforcement officers, firefighters, and first responders for their service to our country. Our nation stands proudly behind you.

JESSE AND JESSICA SWIFT

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jesse and Jessica Swift for receiving the Golden Mayor's Award for Excellence.

Jesse and Jessica Swift serve the community as educators at Bell Middle School, are avid cyclists, and are active in many community events including the Golden Bike Cruise, Golden Gallup, Golden Giddyup, and the Back2Basics Cyclocross races. Jessica coaches a girls' ICE soccer team, and Jesse coaches the Bell Mountain Bike Club.

In addition to being active community members, the Swifts exemplify courage and grace, and are an inspiration to the community. In May of 2015, they were attacked in a home invasion. Jesse and Jessica fought back against the intruders and later worked with the Golden Police Department to bring the criminals to justice. As highly admired teachers, the Swifts have inspired thousands of students and their families by their personal story and their passion for knowledge.

I congratulate Jesse and Jessica Swift for being the recipient of this well-deserved honor by Mayor Marjorie Sloan, and I thank them for their continued commitment to the people and students they serve.

RECOGNIZING MARION HALEY

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th birthday of an extraordinary man and fellow Northeast Georgian, First Lieutenant Marion Holman Haley.

First Lieutenant Haley grew up on a farm in Elberton, Georgia and graduated from Rabun Gap Junior College. He shares his birthday with his beloved wife, Sara Vincent Haley.

In 1942, First Lieutenant Haley entered World War II as a bombardier and flew 50 combat missions over Italy, Northern Africa, and France in a B-17 bomber using one of the first Norden bombsights.

As a member of the Army Air Corps, First Lieutenant Haley was recognized for his exceptional ability as a bombardier by receiving 10 Air Medals for his combat missions in World War II.

Our nation owes a tremendous amount of gratitude to First Lieutenant Haley for his service and courage. He is a true American hero.

I am proud to represent First Lieutenant Haley in Congress, and I am grateful for his bravery in protecting our freedom.

As a member of the Air Force Reserves, the lives of our service members and veterans is very near to my heart. We have Mr. Marion Holman Haley to thank for his service to the greatest nation in the world.

First Lieutenant Haley represents a legacy that deserves our gratitude and respect, and I honor him on his 100th birthday. Happy Birthday Lieutenant Haley.

IN RECOGNITION OF TUSKEGEE AIRMEN, INC., ON ITS OUTSTANDING WORK AND 75TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. on its outstanding work and its exceptional service on the date of its 75th Anniversary Dinner. The Tuskegee Airmen were courageous individuals who served the United States with dignity during World War II while pioneering efforts to improve racial equality.

The Tuskegee Airmen were a group of young men and women who volunteered to become America's first African-American military airmen during World War II. These individuals distinguished themselves through an exemplary combat record, as well as their bravery and sacrifice. Approximately 1,000 pilots and 15,000 ground personnel served in thousands of combat sorties during the war, earning a record of distinction that persists to this day. The Tuskegee Airmen's record of service also broke down barriers and was instrumental in President Harry S. Truman's decision to desegregate the United States Armed Forces in 1948.

The Tuskegee Airmen were instrumental in helping the United States win the Second World War while furthering racial equality and equal opportunity. These brave men and women stand as a testament to the enduring spirit of the American ideals of bravery. The work of Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. is critical to preserving the historic legacy of these individuals, and I congratulate them on the organization's success in raising awareness of the importance of their contribution to American progress. Events like the Tuskegee Airmen, Inc.'s 75th Anniversary dinner are critical to keeping their legacy alive, and it is my hope that the group continues to build on its record of success to preserve the memory of these men and women and their historic accomplishments.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the achievements of Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. The organization has worked tirelessly to preserve the legacy of the Tuskegee Airmen for future generations and raise awareness about their role in American history.

TRIBUTE TO SUE AND DENNIS NANCE

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Sue and Dennis Nance of Shenandoah, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Sue and Dennis' lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 50th anniversary, may their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish,

and honor one another for many years to come.

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

GOLDEN HIGH SCHOOL INTERACT CLUB

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud the Golden High School Interact Club for receiving the Golden Mayor's Award for Excellence.

The Golden High School Interact Club is a Rotary-sponsored service organization serving the greater Golden community. The 72 high-school members tackle important community issues through hands-on service projects. Locally, they participated in the Neighborhood Rehab Project Day of Service, helped raise money for schools by volunteering at fun-runs, assisted Golden Rotary to provide lunch and fellowship to senior residents, raked leaves for Golden residents, championed a food drive, and participated in a chili cook-off.

For an international effort, they held a car-wash that generated \$2,000 to purchase two ShelterBoxes, which provide safe housing to families in disaster situations around the world. Out of 36 other clubs, the Rotary District identified the Golden group as the most outstanding Interact Club.

I congratulate the Golden High School Interact Club for being the recipient of this well-deserved honor by Mayor Marjorie Sloan, and I thank all the members for their continued commitment to the people and families they serve.

CELEBRATING MAJOR GENERAL ROBERT HALVERSON, U.S. ARMY, RETIRED

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the achievements of Major General Robert Halverson, retired, who served in the United States Army for 39 years and continues to work for his country and community following his retirement. He is a fitting recipient of a Congressional Veteran Commendation.

MG Halverson, of Georgetown, Texas, began his active duty career upon graduation from Colorado State University. After 15 years he left active duty service and entered the U.S. Army Reserves and transferred to the Texas National Guard in October of 1985. In 1998, he was promoted to Major General and took command of the 49th Armored Division.

During his time in service, MG Halverson acquired a long list of accomplishments and awards, including the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star,

and more. He also successfully commanded the first Active and Reserve Component integrated headquarters to serve in Bosnia.

Along with his Army National Guard service, MG Halverson continued his life of service in the State of Texas, where he served in the Governor's Division of Emergency Management and as a Deputy Insurance Commissioner for Safety. Following his retirement from military service in March 2002, MG Halverson continued to serve as a mentor for other National Guard Division and Brigade Commanders and Staff.

MG Halverson's skills as a strategic leader have improved every organization he's associated with. His commitment to community and his role as a mentor and friend to his colleagues make him a valuable asset to improving the quality of life in the Lone Star State.

I commend Major General Robert Halverson's selfless service to both the United States Army and his nation. His patriotism, citizenship, and commitment to excellence reflect the very best values of Central Texas. I join MG Halverson's friends, family, and colleagues in celebrating his outstanding achievements.

SHIVAM ALBEE SHINES WITH
SCHOOL PROJECT

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Shivam Albee of Sugar Land, TX for his enthusiasm about government and in particular Congress.

Shivam has expressed a keen interest in how our government works. He and his parents recently visited Washington, DC with stops in their congressional office and our nation's Capitol building. As a result of his trip, he completed a school report on how Congress operates. His eagerness to learn and contribute to our representative democracy is heartwarming and gives us hope for our future leaders. America is at its best with an engaged and active citizenry. We hope more students and young leaders emerge as they become adults.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, thank you Shivam Albee for reminding us of the importance of youthful enthusiasm. We are proud of his hard work and look forward to his future success.

TRIBUTE TO PAM AND CHARLIE
MANNING

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Pam and Charlie Manning of Glenwood, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married on August 20, 1966 in Gary, Indiana.

Pam and Charlie's lifelong commitment to each other, their children, and their grandchild, truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 50th anniversary, may their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for years to come.

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

HONORING THE AIR FORCES
ESCAPE AND EVASION SOCIETY

HON. NIKI TSONGAS

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Ms. TSONGAS. Mr. Speaker, every November 11th, we stop to recognize the brave men and women who have served our country in our armed forces. Having just marked Veterans Day, I would like to recognize one group of extraordinary servicemembers in particular, the United States Air Forces Escape and Evasion Society, or AFEES.

Since the United States military first began using airplanes in foreign wars, members of the United States Air Forces have been forced to eject, crash land, or abandon their aircraft in an occupied country or territory. Once downed, these airmen had to evade capture by enemy forces, oftentimes while suffering from critical injuries.

Of the downed aircrew members that were captured, many escaped from the enemy who were holding them in captivity. Many times, downed servicemembers were aided in their escape and evasion by resistance organizations in those occupied countries. Thousands of brave, ordinary people took extraordinary risks at huge costs to both them and their families to help these brave Americans and help them return home.

In 1964, the United States Air Forces Escape and Evasion Society was created by the downed aircrew members who evaded capture. Today, AFEES includes downed aircrew members and people who directly aided them in escape and evasion and has more than 600 members, including members from World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War.

I am proud to represent one brave AFEES member, the group's President, John Katsaros of Haverhill, Massachusetts. Today, I would like to recognize the United States Air Forces Escape and Evasion Society and the achievements made by its members: to never accept captivity and to constantly strive for their freedom. Thank you for your service and for the inspiration you are to all of us.

GENE CHILD

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Gene Child

for receiving the Golden Mayor's Award for Excellence.

For decades, Gene has dedicated his time, resources, and abilities to preserving our community's history. He co-founded the Golden Landmarks Association to save the Astor House from demolition, assisted in converting the old Presbyterian Church into the Foothills Art Center, and helped move the Guy Hill School from the former Mitchell Elementary site to the Clear Creek History Park, then helped restore it. Even now he cares for the chickens that live in History Park. Gene and his beloved Arlone were part of the effort to create the 12th Street Historic District in 1984.

I congratulate Gene for being the recipient of this well-deserved honor by Mayor Marjorie Sloan, and I thank him for his continued commitment to the people and families he serves.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 75TH AN-
NIVERSARY OF THE MESSIAS
TEMPLE CHURCH

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 75th anniversary of the Messiah Temple Church. It is my honor and privilege to recognize the contributions Messiah Temple Church has made to our community.

Established in 1941 by John T. Elder and Sister Laura Elder, the Ypsilanti Messiah Temple Church is dedicated to building a permanent sanctuary for people of the community to have a place to connect with each other, and strengthen their faith. Messiah was built on a principle that welcomed people of all walks of life, giving positions of leadership not common within the Church for its time. In 1949 after the passing of Elder John T. Elder, his widowed wife, Sister Laura Elder, was elected as Church Pastor and remained until her retirement in 1974, demonstrating that this Church would celebrate the diversity of Ypsilanti, and lead by progressive example. Jesse Ross was then chosen to serve as pastor, and personally led the congregation to its new permanent home on Harriet Street in 1984. Pastor Ross continued to serve until his death in 1991, when Harry Grayson was selected to continue the proud tradition of service and leadership. Today we celebrate the 75th anniversary of Messiah Temple Church, as well as the 25th anniversary of Suffragan Bishop Grayson's appointment. Providing strong leadership within the community has long been the cornerstone of Messiah Temple Church, and the tradition continues as the church looks forward to the next 75 years of serving the community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in gratitude to honor the 75th anniversary of Messiah Temple Church. For seventy-five years now, Messiah Temple has displayed an immense passion and deep devotion for improving the lives of its members, and also the people of Ypsilanti, and we wish them many more years of success.

COMMEMORATING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE IBEW LOCAL 8

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 125th Anniversary of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 8 of Toledo, Ohio. This is an incredibly significant milestone of labor history in Northwest Ohio.

Since 1891, IBEW Local 8 has served northwest Ohio with distinction, providing the highest quality of electrical work and providing power to the residents of Northwest Ohio. Its members continue to dedicate their careers to the advancement of wages, benefits and working conditions for all electrical workers.

IBEW Local 8's skilled technicians are committed to building our communities forward. The deep history of IBEW Local 8 shows that the Toledo Chapter was one of the first-ever locals chartered in the United States, established at the founding of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers nationally.

The skilled men and women of IBEW Local 8 have contributed their time and talents to many notable projects in Northwest Ohio. Committed to quality workmanship, their skills have been critical to the development of industry throughout our region.

IBEW founder Henry Miller envisioned a union of electrical workers banded together toward the goal of improved safety, wages and working conditions for the brotherhood. A century later, his legacy stands tall through the brothers and sisters of Local 8. We offer our heartiest congratulations to IBEW Local 8 in celebration of its rich history and thank you for working to illuminate our world over the last 125 years.

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DANA STEINER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Dana Steiner for receiving the Golden Mayor's first-ever Goldmine Award, an honor recognizing the achievement and contributions of the students or faculty of the Colorado School of Mines.

Dana Steiner, a senior at the School of Mines designed and implemented a community service project for the Mines Class of 2020, encouraging further collaboration between the university and city of Golden. Throughout the spring and summer, she identified projects benefiting city government departments, schools, civic organizations, the faith community, and individual residents. On August 20th, she successfully organized approximately 900 incoming students at more than 25 Golden locations in and around Golden, for more than 1,000 hours of community service. Dana is a senior majoring in Biochemical and Chemical Engineering who is also involved in the Society of Women Engineers; an ally of Out in Science, Technology, Engineering; a member of Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority, Advocates Against Violence and for

Education, the Ethics Bowl team, and Lead Peer Mentor.

I congratulate Dana for being the recipient of this well-deserved honor by Mayor Marjorie Sloan, and I thank her for her contributions to the community.

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HONORING REAR ADMIRAL
ROBERT L. TONEY

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of Rear Admiral Robert L. Toney, USN, (Retired). With his passing on November 4, 2016, we honor his faithful service to our nation.

Rear Admiral Robert L. Toney had a distinguished naval career that spanned 34 years. He was commissioned as an ensign in the United States Navy in 1957. Over the course of his career he has held several commands including Naval Base San Francisco, Logistics Group One, Maritime Defense Command and Director of Logistics and Security Assistance of U.S. Pacific Command.

He received numerous honors and decorations including the Defense Meritorious Medal, the Navy Meritorious Service Medal with Oakleaf Cluster, and the Vietnam Service Medal.

His commitment to education and self-improvement was showcased through his commitment to personal study. Early in his life he earned a B.A. in Social Sciences from Chico State University. He was also a Graduate of the National and International Security Course from Harvard University and received Honorary Doctorate Degrees in Humane Letters from Golden Gate University, and National University.

Admiral Toney retired from the Navy in 1994 after 34 years of distinguished service. In his retirement he continued to show his commitment to this country by devoting the remainder of his life to community service.

From 1991 to 1996, he served as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Oakland Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce Admiral. Toney also served as the Executive Vice President of Business Development of F.E. Jordan and Associates, Interim President of The Bay Area Urban League, Chairman of the Board of Alternative, Inc., Director of Bank of the West, Director of Levine-Fricke-Recon Advisory Board, Director of Junior Achievement of the San Francisco Bay Area, and as a member of Chico State University's President Advisory Board.

Throughout his military and civilian business careers, Admiral Toney was one of those rare individuals whose ethic of hard work and devotion to duty made a difference. He was a role model to all who served with him.

Rear Admiral Robert L. Toney, USN, (Retired) will be remembered as one of our finest naval officers, a role model, devoted husband to his wife, Flore, who predeceased him, and to his family.

On a personal note, Admiral Toney and I had a chance to get to know each other when I was in the California legislature in the 1990's. He became a consistent supporter of my political efforts and always encouraged me

to fight the good fight. I respected Admiral Toney's wise counsel and was proud to call him my friend.

Today, California's 13th Congressional District salutes the legacy of Rear Admiral Robert L. Toney, USN, (Retired). His contributions have truly impacted countless lives throughout the Bay Area and our Country. I join all of Rear Admiral Robert L. Toney's loved ones in celebrating his incredible life and offer them my most sincere condolences.

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IRON COUNTY'S NEW AMTRAK
STATION

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark a historic day in the Arcadia Valley. Today, Iron County opens its new Amtrak Station and welcomes the Texas Eagle to begin regular service from Arcadia to the USA.

Led by the group "Our Town Tomorrow," the communities of Arcadia, Ironton and Pilot Knob have worked since 2011 to revive the old train stop and resurrect rail service. They've navigated a complicated process.

The members of "Our Town Tomorrow"—September Bennett, Joan Duncan, Carol Kelsheimer, Pam Sherrill, and Judy Schaaf-Wheeler—have worked with other community leaders to establish a vision for the Arcadia Valley and to bring the train to town. I applaud them for their community spirit and determination to improve the quality of life in the place they call home.

Starting today, Arcadia joins St. Louis and Poplar Bluff as the only three stops the Texas Eagle makes in Missouri.

It is my hope the Amtrak Station will signal a new era of prosperity for Iron County. It is my great honor to represent the good folks of the Arcadia Valley and join them in celebration as I recognize their accomplishment today before the United States House of Representatives.

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TRIBUTE TO PAT AND RAY LAW

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Pat and Ray Law of Council Bluffs, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married on August 19, 1966 at the Church of God of Prophecy in Council Bluffs.

Pat and Ray's lifelong commitment to each other and their three daughters, 22 adopted children, 40 grandchildren, and 18 great-grandchildren, truly embodies Iowa values. As Pat and Ray reflect on their 50th anniversary, may their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for years to come.

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

me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

IN RECOGNITION OF MICHIGAN
TECH RESEARCH INSTITUTE'S
GROUNDBREAKING ADVANCE-
MENTS IN TECHNOLOGY

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the work of the Michigan Tech Research Institute on the date of its 10th anniversary celebration. Located in Ann Arbor as a division of Michigan Technological University, MTRI has driven advancements in sensor and information technology to help solve critical problems in a variety of fields.

Michigan Tech Research Institute was founded in October 2006 with the goal of utilizing Michigan Tech's resources and expertise to transform research findings into commercial products with real-world applications. The institute has focused on using technology to better understand natural and manmade environments. Today, MTRI supports 64 researchers in over 17,000 square feet of space and has drawn support from federal, industry and universities across North America.

MTRI has leveraged cutting-edge academic research to create solutions to real-world problems. Its work on mapping coastal wetlands in the Great Lakes region has been used by federal, state and local agencies to better manage and conserve the environment in these areas. Additionally, MTRI has been able to map the spread of algal blooms in Lake Erie, which has allowed researchers and environmental groups to better understand and combat the spread of this environmental phenomenon. It has also collaborated with federal government agencies like DARPA on defense applications of its research.

MTRI has served as a model of collaboration between the public, private and non-profit sectors. By bringing key stakeholders and experts together to tackle environmental, infrastructure and national security challenges, the institute has created breakthroughs in a variety of fields while supporting basic and applied research initiatives. This multidisciplinary approach will continue to be useful for addressing problems at the cross-section of different fields and disciplines, and MTRI's consistent revenue and sponsorship growth is a testament to the success of its organizational model.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the success of the Michigan Tech Research Institute. It is my hope that the organization will continue to build on its track record of success and innovation.

BETTY AND HAROLD PAYTE

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Betty & Harold Payte for receiving the Golden Mayor's Award for Excellence.

Betty and Harold Payte are role models and community activists for healthy living. Both in their mid-eighties, they are thoughtful, caring, and inclusive leaders who have attracted a large and loyal following to their weekly community "walk and talks" through Golden. In all weather and all seasons, for people of all ages and abilities, with residents from all over the metropolitan area, the Paytes share their joy in moving through Golden's beautiful outdoor environment. Betty roams up and down the line of walkers to make sure everyone has a walking partner and to see if anyone needs extra encouragement. Harold, a humorous storyteller, usually serves as "sweep" at the back of the group with slower-paced walkers; the Paytes encourage all of us to live full, joyful, healthy lives.

I congratulate Betty & Harold Payte for being the recipient of this well-deserved honor by Mayor Marjorie Sloan, and I thank them for their continued commitment to the people and families they serve.

RECOGNIZING THE MAINE MARINE
TRADES ASSOCIATION'S 50
YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. CHELLIE PINGREE

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to acknowledge and honor the important work of the Maine Marine Trades Association. For five decades, this organization has educated boat builders and marine businesses in best practices, with particular focus on worker safety and the preservation of the natural resources upon which the industry and the people of Maine depend.

Under Executive Director Susan Swanton's able leadership, the Maine Marine Trades Association has promoted growth and cooperation, influencing many aspects of the marine industry through job development and successful partnerships with the Maine Departments of Labor, Environmental Protection, and Marine Resources, as well as the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and many other state and national organizations.

Originally run completely by volunteers, the Maine Marine Trades Association maintains a strong tradition of volunteer participation. Such is the norm in my state. People pull together to get things done, and Maine's long and rich tradition of boating, fishing, and boat building is part of our rich heritage.

Living on an island 12 miles off the coast of Maine, every ferry trip to or from the mainland takes me past pleasure craft, fishermen, boatyards, and marinas. And, with my District Congressional Office located on Portland Harbor's working waterfront, reminders of the economic and cultural impact of this industry surround me.

I am proud of and grateful for the Maine Marine Trades Association's commitment not only to protecting and enhancing a way of life in Maine, but to promoting an important, time-honored means of making a living.

HONORING COLONEL OTIS EVANS,
U.S. ARMY, RETIRED

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Colonel Otis Evans, U.S. Army, retired. COL Evans answered the call to defend our great nation for 27 years and continues to dutifully serve his community of Killeen, Texas in civilian life. An exemplary serviceman and citizen, it is my honor to award COL Evans with the Congressional Veterans Commendation.

A distinguished military graduate from Prairie View A&M University, COL Evans commissioned as a Second Lieutenant and began his military career flying aero-medical evacuation aircraft in Vietnam. In high-risk situations ranging from enemy fire to extreme weather, COL Evans remained steadfastly loyal to his fellow soldiers, refusing to abort a mission without the wounded aboard his aircraft. Relying on the Good Lord for strength, COL Evans' leadership, dedication, and bravery saved the lives of many. For his service and bravery in combat, COL Evans was awarded the Silver Star, two Distinguish Flying Crosses, Bronze Star, the Combat Medical Badge, and the Master Aviator Badge. After twelve years of flying, COL Evans transitioned to Heath Care Operations, and later to Health Care Administration, concluding his career at Walter Reed Medical Center.

COL Evans' service and sense of duty did not culminate with his military service. Upon returning to the great state of Texas, COL Evans dedicated his civilian life to the uplifting and betterment of his community, serving on the Killeen City Council, the Central Texas Council of Governments, and as President of the Killeen, Texas Branch, NAACP. Alongside his involvement in these and numerous other organizations, COL Evans has remained committed to honoring his fallen brothers in arms, assisting in the planning of the 2009 Fort Hood shooting memorial.

COL Evans' patriotism and commitment to service reflect the very best values of Central Texas. He is a hero who has devoted his life to defending our freedoms abroad and serving his community at home. I join his wife, Rosalind, his children, and grandchildren in wishing him the best in the years ahead.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE AMERICAN ARAB CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR ITS PROMOTION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the Arab American Chamber of Commerce for its economic and trade development efforts. The Chamber has served the Michigan community well, and we wish them continued success in helping to build a vibrant and diverse economy for our region and state.

Founded in 1992, the American Arab Chamber of Commerce has worked to support the

Arab American business community through its networking and development efforts. The Chamber facilitates delegations between Michigan and U.S.-based companies and those in the Middle East. It also provides information and resources regarding opportunities in the Middle Eastern market. As the largest Arab American business organization in the United States, the Arab American Chamber of Commerce has attracted numerous corporate sponsors in its effort to build economic bridges between different cultures.

The Commerce's activities have not only led to increased business opportunities among companies in the Arab American community, but its efforts to promote greater economic ties have also improved intercultural dialogue between the Arab American community and its partners. It is great to see the positive impact the Chamber has had in building bridges and promoting greater cultural understanding between Arab American businesses and the community at large. It is my hope that the organization continues to play a leadership role in creating lasting bonds between different cultures and communities.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the Arab American Chamber of Commerce for its economic and trade development efforts. The Chamber has served the Michigan community well and is committed to work toward success moving forward.

CONGRATULATING EL COMERCIO
DE COLORADO

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate El Comercio de Colorado on their award-winning editorial excellence.

El Comercio de Colorado is a bilingual newspaper which has served Colorado and the Denver area since 1999 with articles about international, national and local news topics of importance to our community. El Comercio de Colorado has embodied leadership in the Hispanic printed media industry. In recognition of their quality publications, the National Association of Hispanic Publications (NAHP) has presented El Comercio de Colorado with four Gold José Martí Publishing Awards.

El Comercio de Colorado was noted as having the number one Classified Ads section in the nation during the 34th edition of the José Martí Publishing Awards. For industry leading distinction, the sports section was awarded two gold awards for content and design, as well as cartoonist Angonoa, whom received gold for outstanding work. El Comercio de Colorado's also received honorable mentions for editorial content, photography, illustrations and design.

I would like to congratulate President Manuel Tejada and Editor Eva Tejada, as well as the entire staff at El Comercio de Colorado on a job well done. These awards show El Comercio de Colorado's unwavering commitment to quality publications and the Hispanic printed media community.

TRIBUTE TO LINDA AND NEIL
GOOS

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Linda and Neil Goos of Glenwood, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married on August 7, 1966 at First Christian Church in Glenwood.

Linda and Neil's lifelong commitment to each other, their children, and their grandchildren truly embodies our Iowa values. As they reflect on their 50th anniversary, may their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for years to come.

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

DR. CONNIE ALMEIDA WINS MENTAL
HEALTH PROFESSIONAL OF
THE YEAR AWARD

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Connie Almeida of Fort Bend County, TX for being awarded the Mental Health Professional of the Year Award by the Texas Crisis Intervention Team.

As Fort Bend County's Behavioral Health Director, Dr. Almeida received this award thanks to her significant strides in working with local law enforcement to improve responses to the mental health community. She's been consistently working to improve the way Fort Bend County responds to mental health crises and issues by speaking with the government, community groups, mental health providers, law enforcement and the courts. Her goal is to improve the conditions for those with mental illness and addictions that come into contact with Fort Bend County courts.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Dr. Connie Almeida for receiving the Mental Health Professional of the Year Award. We are very thankful for all her hard work to progress the services and systems for those with mental illnesses.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE TAYLOR
CONSERVATORY FOUNDATION
AND THE SUCCESS OF ITS 10TH
ANNUAL SWEET HARVEST GALA

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Taylor Conservatory Foundation for its conservation initiatives in Southeast

Michigan. The organization has contributed to a more sustainable and livable southeast Michigan that benefits both residents and visitors.

The Taylor Conservatory Foundation was incorporated in 2005 to protect and preserve the natural environment and promote the arts and sciences while creating more sustainable public spaces. Since its inception, the organization has maintained the Taylor Conservatory and Botanical Gardens, a park containing a garden that is open to the public. The Taylor Conservancy Foundation also promotes community garden development and sponsors educational programs to raise awareness about the effects and importance of conservation on the environment. In addition, the foundation hosts a variety of community events, including a summertime Music & Arts in the Gardens series to promote community development while furthering the organization's sustainability goals.

Michigan's environmental heritage is fundamental to its identity and economic health, and it is critical that we continue to safeguard it for future generations. The Taylor Conservancy Foundation, through its conservation work and efforts to raise public awareness of environmental issues, has played an important role in protecting the environment and public spaces in the State of Michigan. Its efforts have been critical to providing education about environmental issues and ensuring that southeast Michigan residents remain well-informed about the social, educational and environmental needs of our country. The growth and development of the Taylor Conservancy Foundation is a testament to the positive impact the group has had on the wider Michigan community, and it is my hope that it continues to further its mission of upholding conservation and sustainability of the environment in Michigan.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the growth and success of the Taylor Conservancy Foundation. The organization continues to play a leading role in addressing environmental conservation through its initiatives.

HONORING SERGEANT FRANK
THOMPSON

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sergeant Frank Thompson, for his dedication and service to our country. SGT Thompson's extraordinary commitment to community and service reflects the best values of Central Texas. He is a fitting recipient of a Congressional Veterans Commendation.

SGT Thompson was born in the small town of Troy, Texas, where he later attended A&M University. At the start of World War II, SGT Thompson left college to serve his country in the U.S. Army. In July 1943, SGT Thompson served in the South Pacific with H. Co, 172nd Infantry 43rd Division. His unit received five Distinguished Unit Citations, and for his service, SGT Thompson received the Asiatic-Pacific Medal with 3 Bronze stars, the Philippine Liberation Medal with 1 Bronze star, the Combat Infantry badge, and the Good Conduct Medal.

SGT Thompson is a highly respected citizen involved in a number of different organizations, which exemplifies his commitment to

community and nation. After returning from the war, SGT Thompson followed in the footsteps of his grandfather, J.Q. Thompson, who was instrumental in the founding of the town and school system in Troy. SGT Thompson joined the Troy Masonic Lodge where he served as the secretary for 38 years, and was recognized for being a Mason for 60 years in 2007. SGT Thompson also served on the first Troy City Council, the Bank of Troy Board of Directors, and was a Charter Member of the Troy Volunteer Fire Department.

With admiration and deep respect, we pay tribute to SGT Thompson for his sacrifices for our country and the lasting impact he has had on his community and beyond. Dedicated public servants like him make Central Texas a great place to live.

IN TRIBUTE TO MAHMOUD
OTHMAN ATTA

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the life and work of Mahmoud Othman Atta a highly-respected leader in the Muslim and interfaith community, veteran, husband, father and grandfather. Mr. Mahmoud Othman Atta died on November 9, 2016 at the age of 80.

Mr. Atta was born in the Palestinian territories and moved to Milwaukee at age 16 with his dual-citizen father. He graduated from West Division High School in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, attended two years of technical college and was drafted into the U.S. Army, serving as a medic. After his military service Mr. Atta returned to the Palestinian territories, where he married his wife, Intisar and had two children. He later returned to Milwaukee with his family in the mid-1960s.

He is regarded as the Milwaukee area's first de-facto imam, leading prayers and religious services in homes, though he never held the title full time. Local Muslims hailed from various homelands, speaking different languages and Mr. Atta bridged those divides through communal worship. He organized classes to teach Arabic, the language of the Qur'an so that everyone would be able to pray and read the Holy Book together.

Mahmoud Othman Atta was one of the Islamic Society of Milwaukee's seven founding members. Mr. Atta guided Milwaukee's Muslim community and the Islamic Society of Milwaukee in the 1970s, when an estimated 200 Muslims lived in the city. He helped lead fundraising for the purchase of its main center on the city's south side and served on the society's first board of trustees, a position he held for about a decade.

Mahmoud Othman Atta was a natural leader. He saw the value in reaching across racial and religious lines, joining interfaith organizations and Muslim-Christian dialogue groups. He was respected for his character and his knowledge. Mr. Atta would open his home to a stranger; realizing how it felt like to be alone without family, so he always had a soft spot in his heart for students or individuals who were coming from overseas.

Mr. Atta worked as an engine technician at Briggs & Stratton for about 25 years, retiring

in 1990 after suffering his first stroke. Mr. Atta had been in declining health in recent years and suffered a stroke while he and his wife spent several months in the Palestinian areas. He returned to the Palestinian territories every year or two, where his large family is well-known. About 1,000 people there have attended visitations spread over three days, after his death.

Mahmoud Othman Atta is survived by his wife Intisar; 2 sons Othman and Ihsan; 2 daughters, Janan and Bayan; and 12 grandchildren Mr. Speaker, Milwaukee has experienced a profound loss with the passing of Mahmoud Othman Atta. He had an attachment to Milwaukee, and he loved the Midwestern lifestyle. Today, I thank him and his family for their immeasurable achievements, I mourn his loss and I salute his legacy.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RUBÉN HINOJOSA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Mr. HINOJOSA. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present in the House chamber for certain roll call votes on Monday, November 14th through Wednesday, November 16th. Had I been present on these days, I would have voted 'aye' on roll calls 575, 576, 577, 578 and 'nay' on roll calls 579 and 580.

DR. KELLY J. ZÚÑIGA NAMED CEO
OF HOLOCAUST MUSEUM HOUSTON

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Kelly J. Zúñiga of Sugar Land, TX for being named the chief executive officer of the Holocaust Museum Houston.

Dr. Zúñiga was brought to the Holocaust Museum Houston as executive director to expand outreach and enhance programming to expand the museum's reach throughout the community. Her experience and success have brought the museum forward, making her the obvious choice for the CEO position. Dr. Zúñiga has more than 25 years' experience in building, managing and leading fundraising teams that focus on the successful completion of capital and endowment campaigns. In 2012, she was also named as one of "Houston's Most Influential Women of 2012" by Houston Woman magazine. She is a true leader.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Dr. Kelly J. Zúñiga for being named CEO of the Holocaust Museum Houston. We are confident she will expand her success as the new CEO.

TRIBUTE TO JUDY AND JOHN
CLARK

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2016

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

John Clark of Clarinda, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married on August 19, 1966.

Judy and John's lifelong commitment to each other, their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 50th anniversary, may their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for years to come.

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

IN RECOGNITION OF AMY AND
DAN LOEPP FOR BEING NAMED
EDWARD H. MCNAMARA GOOD-
FELLOW OF THE YEAR

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the community service and stewardship of Amy and Dan Loepp, the recipients of the 2016 Edward H. McNamara Goodfellow of the Year award. Amy and Dan have been dedicated in the efforts to improve the greater Detroit area through their involvement in nonprofit groups and local charities.

Since 1914, the Old Newsboys' Goodfellow Fund of Detroit has provided aid to children in the greater Detroit metropolitan area. Detroit Goodfellows donates and distributes holiday gift boxes to needy children that includes toys, books and warm clothing. Additionally, the group donates shoes for children who cannot afford proper footwear and provides dental care to those individuals who do not have access to it. Detroit Goodfellows also gives grants to children to attend summer camps, including the Detroit Fire Department Camp and the Detroit Police Department's "Explorers" program.

Detroit Goodfellows honors individuals who have demonstrated commitment to the Detroit community through its Edward H. McNamara Goodfellow of the Year award. This year, Amy and Dan Loepp were named recipients of this award for their service to the community. Dan Loepp is the current president and CEO of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and oversaw the relocation of 3,000 Blue Cross employees into downtown Detroit, providing an economic boost to the surrounding region. His wife, Amy, cofounded Impact100 Oakland County, an organization that awards grants to nonprofit organizations in Oakland County. Both Amy and Dan have also been strong supporters of various philanthropic organizations in the greater Detroit area.

Amy and Dan embody the values of charity and community that Detroit Goodfellows represent. Their selfless actions and innovative initiatives on behalf of the Detroit community have contributed to the well-being of the city while creating a more decent life for countless children in need. They have been tireless advocates on behalf of the region, and it is my hope that they continue to be involved in initiatives to improve the southeastern Michigan region.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the Old Newsboys' Good-fellow Fund of Detroit, as well as Amy and Dan Loepp. They have provided services critical to the well-being of countless Michigan children and their families.

**CELEBRATING THE SERVICE OF
CORPORAL ROBERTO VASQUEZ**

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the service of Corporal Roberto Vasquez. The embodiment of the U.S. Marine Corps' values of honor, courage, and commitment, Cpl. Vasquez is a fitting recipient of a Congressional Veteran Commendation.

Cpl. Vasquez's seven years of honorable service in the Marines from 1983–89 reinforced his innate drive to not quit until the job is done and done right. He leaves every situation better than he found it and has made permanent and positive impacts on his beloved Hutto, TX.

Whether it's teaching, working with at-risk kids, or coaching football, Cpl. Vasquez communicates the importance of self-respect to young people. His honors as an educator and his achievements as a school administrator are testimonies to his skill and devotion to ensuring students receive the education and guidance they deserve.

Yet Cpl. Vasquez's commitment to community doesn't stop at the schoolhouse gate. He's active in Cub Scouts, feeding the hungry, and is a devout member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church. As Commander of American Legion Post 302 in Hutto, TX, Cpl. Vasquez has seen the membership of this proud organization devoted to the family of veterans grow under his leadership. Most important, he's never forgotten those who served but did not return.

Corporal Roberto Vasquez's motto is "other first." These stirring words aren't a meaningless expression but a deep and lasting creed that is the guiding force of his life. It's the work of selfless citizens like Cpl. Vasquez that keep our country safe and make cities like Hutto, TX wonderful places to live. I commend his commitment to his Corps, his nation, and his community and am honored to award him a Congressional Veteran Commendation.

**OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL
DEBT**

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 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 \$19,871,327,867,180.13. We've added \$9,244,450,818,267.05 to our debt in 7 years. This is over \$7.5 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

**BROOKE BOTKIN FINISHES AN IN-
CREDIBLE HIGH SCHOOL
VOLLEYBALL CAREER**

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Pearland's Brooke Botkin for her outstanding volleyball career at Pearland High School.

The 6-foot, 3½ inch senior is preparing to complete her fourth year starting for the Lady Oilers. Brooke's impressive career has included being named as a Wendy's 2016 High School Heisman candidate, a three-time all-state selection and two-time Greater Houston Volleyball Preseason Player of the Year, not to mention numerous national honors. Her coach, John Turner, said she was the best six-rotation player the school has ever had, surpassing everyone with her blocking ability, digging, aces, setting and "of course, the kills." On top of her near perfect grade point average, Brooke spends her spare time helping with clothing drives, food drives, beach cleanup in Galveston and working youth volleyball clinics. She will attend and play volleyball for the University of Southern California in early 2017.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again on her exceptional volleyball career at Pearland High School. We know she will represent Pearland well in California.

**HONORING ENGINEERING AIDE
CHIEF TROY R. COLE, SR., U.S.
NAVY, RETIRED**

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Engineering Aide Chief Troy R. Cole Sr., U.S. Navy, Retired, of Cedar Park, Texas. A World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War veteran, EAC Cole served as a guardian of our great nation against countless enemies. A true patriot and exceptional citizen, EAC Cole is a deserving recipient of a Congressional Veteran Commendation.

An intrinsic sense of adventure inspired EAC Cole to begin his naval career at age 17, shortly after World War II began. With a career spanning over three decades, EAC Cole saw much combat, and received numerous commendations, medals, and awards as testament to his exemplary service. Yet even upon retirement, the call to serve his beloved country continued to burn inside. EAC Cole returned to the Navy he loves, spending the next decade teaching, training, and mentoring the next generation of service men and women.

EAC Cole's love of country is matched only by his commitment to his fellow service members. Today, EAC Cole remains devoted to celebrating the life, and honoring the memory, of his brothers and sisters in arms. Each year, EAC Cole invests countless hours in orchestrating many of Cedar Park's veteran memorials, parades, and ceremonies. He is beloved

by the Cedar Park community for his leadership and passion.

EAC Cole serves his fellow men with the same dedication, honor, and humility with which he defended his country. He exemplifies what it means to be an American, consistently placing his country and fellow men before himself. May we all follow the example of great men such as EAC Cole, and live a life of passion, loyalty, and selflessness.

**RECOGNIZING KENN TUCKEY AS
THE CENTRAL PENN BUSINESS
JOURNAL'S 2016 HALL OF FAME
INDUCTEE**

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, it's my honor to recognize Kenn Tuckey as the Central Penn Business Journal's 2016 Hall of Fame Inductee. Each year, the Central Penn Business Journal honors top companies and individual leaders for their outstanding contributions to Central Pennsylvania's business community. Kenn's businesses have been in my district for almost five decades, and his commitment to customer service and community engagement have been essential to his continued success.

The Tuckey Companies include Tuckey Metal Fabricators, Tuckey Mechanical Services, and Tuckey Restoration. Established in 1968 as Frank Black Mechanical Services and with a focus on residential services, Kenn's father, Denver, purchased the company in 1981 and renamed it Tuckey Mechanical Services. Kenn founded Tuckey Metal Fabricators in 1978, and after purchasing the mechanical services business from his father in 1984, he was approached by local community leaders who identified a need for an emergency repair company that would specialize in fire and water damaged property. With the creation of Tuckey Restoration in 1992, Kenn used his years of experience to meet this need, and eventually brought all three companies under one umbrella. He has grown the companies into leaders in the industrial and commercial sectors, and has been recognized with the prestigious Chrysalis Award for Remodeling Excellence and an "Impeccable Workmanship" citation from the Pennsylvania General Assembly.

Although three generations of Tuckeys still work within the organization, Kenn has always understood the value in engaging the community at large. Giving back to the community has always been a top priority for Kenn. He and his employees have volunteered for organizations such as Big Brothers Big Sisters, the Carlisle YMCA, Habitat for Humanity, and Hospice of Central PA. Kenn's reputation in Carlisle is nothing short of exceptional, and this has allowed him to engage in various other ventures that benefit the region. The Tuckeys have made a commitment to spurring growth in Central Pennsylvania by purchasing old, rundown buildings, such as St. Paul Lutheran Church in Newville, and renovating them into state of the art housing communities. Hard work and quality service do not go unnoticed, and Kenn's impact on the region has afforded him a reputation that will inspire

business leaders across the Commonwealth for generations.

Mr. Speaker, with decades of success in my district and a commitment to giving back to the broader community, it's my honor to recognize Kenn Tuckey as the Central Penn Business Journal's 2016 Hall of Fame Inductee. Kenn's work, through the Tuckey Companies, has created countless jobs for my constituents and spurred economic growth in the region. On behalf of my constituents, I congratulate Kenn for this induction and wish him and his family all the best in their future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO JOANN AND TOM
TEWS

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate JoAnn and Tom Tews of Council Bluffs, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. They celebrated their anniversary on August 28, 2016.

JoAnn and Tom's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 50th anniversary, may their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for years to come.

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

HONORING ALBERT CAMPOS ON
HIS RETIREMENT FROM LAPD

HON. NORMA J. TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Mrs. TORRES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Police Service Representative Albert Campos for his 34 years of dedicated service to the Los Angeles Police Department.

Albert Campos began his career at Communications Division on May 24, 1982, as a Police Service Representative and is the last remaining member of his class.

Immediately after joining Communications, Albert began receiving commendations for his professionalism and excellent work ethic. He was commended by Captain Harrison, Newton FSD for an outstanding job on a Newton Task Force on March 7, 1983.

On October 31, 1988, Albert was commended for "Bringing Home the Gold" as a member of the United States Para-Olympics Wheelchair Basketball team in Seoul, Korea. The team was victorious as they had defeated

six other teams. He was honored that November by the Mayor, The Police Commission, the Los Angeles City Council and the Los Angeles Board of Supervisors for his participation.

Throughout his career Albert has been consistently recognized for his commitment to excellence and outstanding support of the officers in the field especially during emergencies and tactical situations. His stellar performance made him a pleasure to work with. Albert's professionalism, expertise and friendship were and are appreciated by his peers and co-workers, who describe him as a quiet professional.

For his many contributions to our community and for his dedication and commitment to the Division, the Department and the citizens of Los Angeles, I would like to recognize Albert Campos here on the House floor today.

DONNA COLE RECEIVES 2016
WOMEN IN ENERGY LEADERSHIPS'
LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT
AWARD

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Houston's Donna Cole for receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award, part of the Houston Business Journal's 2016 Women in Energy Leadership awards.

Donna was selected for her successful leadership and the significant strides she has made in the energy industry. As a 27-year-old single mother, she founded Cole Chemical Distributing Inc. with only \$5,000. Since then, her company has grown and expanded, providing a range of products and services, from fuel and chemicals to supply chain management for the aerospace, automotive, refineries, petrochemical, specialty chemical plants, personal care, and electricity utility industries. In 2010, Donna was recognized at a Breakfast of Champions by the Harris County Education Department and was named one of Houston's 50 Most Influential Woman of the Year by Houston Woman Magazine.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Donna Cole for receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award. We are proud of her and thank her for all she has done for the energy industry.

HONORING CAPTAIN GEORGE
WHITE, U.S. ARMY, RETIRED

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Captain George White, U.S. Army, Retired, a decorated soldier and distin-

guished citizen of Round Rock, TX. In all aspects of life, CPT White goes above and beyond the call of duty. It is my honor to award him the Congressional Veteran Commendation.

Upon his enlistment in the Army in 1968, CPT White volunteered for a tour of duty in Vietnam, eager to serve his beloved country. As testament to the quality of his service, CPT White received numerous medals including the Bronze Star, the Army Commendation Medal, and the South Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry. A true patriot, CPT White continued to honorably answer the call to serve even following his discharge from active duty. For seven more years, CPT White volunteered in an Army Reserve battalion, where he commanded every firing battery in the battalion. Under his leadership, his unit was named Best Firing Battery in the battalion each year.

In civilian life, CPT White has served those around him with boundless altruism and exemplary leadership. A profound and respected pillar in the Round Rock community, CPT White has served on numerous committees and boards, volunteered countless hours in community service, and has consistently placed his neighbors' needs before his own. He served on the city council for eight years, the last two as Mayor Pro Tem. For these reasons and many more, his community came together in 2005 to honor CPT White as Round Rock Citizen of the Year.

A reflection of the very best values of Central Texas and America, CPT White's service to his community and country has made a resounding impact on those around him. I thank and commend CPT White, a passionate leader with a servant's heart, for his dedication and service.

TRIBUTE TO JANICE AND LARRY
BROWN

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Janice and Larry Brown of Atlantic, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married on August 6, 1966 at Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Janice and Larry's lifelong commitment to each other and their children truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 50th anniversary, may their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for years to come.

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