

and the Coachella Valley Unified School District in various leadership positions, and received prestigious recognitions from the California State Assembly, the House of Representatives, and many local advocacy organizations for his excellence in teaching. Most importantly, he has the gratitude of thousands of Coachella Valley High School alumni.

Mr. Braithwaite is joining his wife and fellow teacher, Jennifer Braithwaite, for a well-earned retirement. Over her 38-year career, Mrs. Braithwaite invited Holocaust survivors and Vietnam veterans to speak to her classes, gave out scholarships to her students, and helped bring the Advanced Placement program to Coachella Valley High School. Like her husband, Mrs. Braithwaite has always gone above and beyond to serve her students.

On behalf of all the students whose lives Mr. and Mrs. Braithwaite have touched, I would like to offer my sincerest thanks and congratulations to them both on their inspiring and meaningful careers.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF NAVAL WEAPONS STATION EARLE

**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 8, 2018*

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Naval Weapons Station Earle. Since its opening, Naval Weapons Station Earle has been a pivotal base for the United States Department of Defense and its significance is truly deserving of this body's recognition on this historic milestone.

Named after Rear Admiral Ralph Earle, the Chief of the Bureau of Ordnance during WWI, Naval Weapons Station Earle was called Naval Ammunition Depot Earle until 1974. It is based in two facilities in Monmouth County, New Jersey—the Waterfront, located in the Leonardo section of Middletown, and Mainside bordering Colts Neck, Howell, Tinton Falls and Wall Township. The two sections are connected by the military corridor and rail line, Normandy Road. The Waterfront includes a miles long finger pier—the longest in the Western Hemisphere—into Sandy Hook Bay. The pier sustained damage in Superstorm Sandy and now includes oyster reefs as an additional protection measure from future storms.

Naval Weapons Station Earle was established out of the need for a munitions loading base in the Port of New York, a need that became increasingly pressing during World War II. The Leonardo and Colts Neck locations were chosen for their distance from densely populated and developed neighborhoods yet their proximity to important landmarks such as New York City, New York Harbor and the Atlantic Ocean.

During WWII, the base served a vital role in transporting ordnance, including most of the munitions used in the invasion of Normandy. Naval Weapons Station Earle's strategic location has remained critical to our military, loading ships used in Operation Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Naval Weapons Station Earle encompasses nearly 12,000 acres and remains an active base today with over

1,500 personnel. With six times more loading capacity of any base on the East Coast, the support Naval Weapons Station Earle provides to our country is invaluable.

Mr. Speaker, I sincerely hope that my colleagues will join me in recognizing the vital contributions of Naval Weapons Station Earle as it celebrates 75 years of operation.

IN RECOGNITION OF JIM KOSTEVA FOR HIS CAREER OF SERVICE ON BEHALF OF THE SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN COMMUNITY

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 8, 2018*

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jim Kosteva as he retires from the University of Michigan. Jim has been an outstanding public servant who has served the students of southeast Michigan with distinction.

After receiving his bachelor degree in Metropolitan Studies from North Central College, Mr. Kosteva took a position as the Director of Community Planning for Canton Township in southeast Michigan. It was there that his passion for the state and the issues facing Michigan residents grew. He was elected to the Michigan House of Representatives in 1984 where he served for four terms. During his tenure as a Michigan legislator, he focused on the issues of school finance reform, public transportation, solid waste management and land use. His legislation, the Michigan Education Trust, was passed into law during his first term and created one of the first pre-paid college tuition plans in the country. His years of effective public service and passion for education issues allowed him to excel in his next role as Director of Communications at the University of Michigan.

Mr. Jim Kosteva joined the University of Michigan in 1994 as the Director of Community relations. In this position, he coordinates partnerships with local and national organizations, works with the City of Ann Arbor on issues of mutual concern and fosters philanthropic engagement among the student body and faculty. Under his leadership, the University has cultivated a meaningful relationship with the City of Ann Arbor that has led to the resolution of public and campus safety concerns as well as a 62.3 percent growth in Ann Arbor's tax base since 2001. Mr. Kosteva is known by his colleagues and students for his creative and strong leadership as well as his passion for city-university relations. Throughout his career, he has represented the University on a variety of local boards including the Ann Arbor Chamber of Commerce, the Ann Arbor Convention and Visitors Bureau and Washtenaw United Way. He has had a tremendous impact on the direction of the University of Michigan's community relations, and we look forward to his continued positive impact on our Michigan community in the coming years.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Jim Kosteva and his years of service to the southeast Michigan community. His dedication and tireless efforts on behalf of the University of Michigan made him an exemplary public servant.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JARED POLIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 8, 2018*

Mr. POLIS. Mr. Speaker, I was absent for the vote on passage of H.R. 3 (Roll Call No. 243). Had I been present, I would have voted "No" on final passage.

This bill cuts critical funding from the Children's Health Insurance Program, education and job-training programs. H.R. 3 was brought to the floor in a rushed and closed process, with the Appropriations Committee holding no hearings or mark-ups and limiting the opportunity for Members to review the legislation.

TRIBUTE TO GABE PAULEY

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 8, 2018*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Gabe Pauley of AHSTW High School for winning the 170-pound Class 1A Iowa High School State Wrestling Championship. Gabe finished the season with a record of 56–0. This is Gabe's second individual State Wrestling championship.

Gabe said, "I've always wanted to be a state champ and now I have it. It feels great. I don't even have any words for it." Gabe finished third in the 2017 wrestling championship meet. "It takes dedication, training, and perfection in order to become a champion," Gabe added.

Iowa has a long and proud history of strong wrestling programs, producing college and Olympic champions for years. Gabe contributes his success to years of hard work and commitment and the support of his parents, family, coaches and fellow teammates.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by Gabe demonstrates the rewards of dedication and perseverance. It is an honor representing Gabe and his family in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize them today. I ask that all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Gabe on competing in this rigorous competition and in wishing him nothing but continued success in his education and in his future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF ANA MCCUNE VAN DE VELDE FOR BEING NAMED A WOMAN OF ACHIEVEMENT BY THE KAPPA FOUNDATION

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 8, 2018*

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ana McCune van de Velde for being named a Woman of Achievement by the Kappa Foundation. Mrs. McCune has distinguished herself through her leadership and community involvement.