

"One small step for man, one giant leap for Mankind," and took the first step on the Moon's surface. At that moment Neil Armstrong changed Mankind and the Earth.

At that moment in history, America along with the world celebrated the fantastic milestone—science fiction had become science fact—Neil Armstrong and his fellow Astronauts had accomplished through the help of thousands back on earth and Heaven's blessings.

Mr. Speaker, I hope that in honoring Neil Armstrong, we as Americans will renew young people's interests preparing for careers in mathematics and science.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST CLEVELAND MOSQUE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 14, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 75th anniversary of the First Cleveland Mosque.

The First Cleveland Mosque was founded in 1937 by Al Hajj Imam Wali Akram, and is among the oldest Islamic organizations in the U.S. Imam Wali Akram's goal in establishing the mosque was to have a place to entertain and educate the Muslim community.

In 1984, Al Hajj Imam Mahmoud A. Akram took over as the Imam of the First Cleveland Masjid and served until 1989. Since 1989, the grandson of Imam Wali Akram, Imam Abbas Ahmad, has been leading a congregation of hundreds of members. The First Cleveland Mosque embraces and propagates the fundamental teachings of Islam through service to the community according to the Quran and Sunnah of the Prophet Muhammad.

In celebration of the First Cleveland Mosque's 75th anniversary, members will gather for a number of events being held on September 14th and 15th, 2012. Events include prayer, several speakers, a silent auction and a banquet.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in the First Cleveland Mosque, as it celebrates 75 years of serving as a place of worship for hundreds of Greater Cleveland residents.

RECOGNIZING THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONGRESSIONAL MANAGEMENT FOUNDATION

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 14, 2012

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate the Congressional Management Foundation (CMF) for its 35th anniversary. Over the past 35 years CMF has aided this body so that the Members can provide our constituents with better services both here in DC and in districts all across this nation.

Through online webinars and publications on best practices, CMF provides many services that improve communications between DC and district staffers. Keeping it Local—the Congressional Management Foundation's detailed guidebook on managing state and dis-

trict offices—allows local managers and staff to maximize their involvement and productivity with constituents.

Among the many pieces of advice Keeping it Local has to offer, some of the most important items include its step-for-step instruction on how to establish and carry out a coordinated agenda, manage citizen outreach, organize district events while also maintaining superior communication networks between offices. The materials provided in this book and other CMF publications have helped my staff run our offices more effectively both at home and on Capitol Hill. On behalf of my staff, I would like to personally thank CMF and congratulate them on their 35th anniversary of serving Congress.

CONGRATULATIONS TO YORKTOWN HIGH SCHOOL FOR BEING NAMED A NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 14, 2012

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize an exemplary school in Indiana's Sixth Congressional District. Yorktown High School in Yorktown, Indiana, has been named a National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education. Yorktown High School earned this recognition for its excellence in education, showcased through its high-performing students as measured by state assessments or nationally-normed tests.

Yorktown High School has been a staple of the community, serving students in grades 9–12 for more than 100 years with a dedication to core beliefs, including that curriculum and instruction will be research or evidence-based with student achievement being measured to ensure continuous progress. Also, it holds fast to the core belief that school leaders will expect and support ongoing improvement of teaching and student performance and that students will learn and perform best when stakeholders maintain high expectations. Not only does Yorktown High School boast a graduation rate of 95 percent, but in 2011, seniors at Yorktown High School passed AP exams at a rate of 30 percent, compared to the national average for public schools of 18.1 percent.

I want to congratulate Yorktown High School students, administrators and teachers for earning this prestigious award. You have made not just Yorktown, but the entire Hoosier state proud.

A TRIBUTE TO THE 132ND FIGHTER WING

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 14, 2012

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call attention to the outstanding work being done every day in Des Moines, Iowa by members of the 132nd Fighter Wing of the Iowa Air National Guard.

As we are well aware, the U.S. Air Force has recently proposed a reduction of hundreds

of Iowa Air Guard positions and the retirement of the Wing's F-16 aircraft, included in cuts to the Air National Guard nationwide. In the face of this uncertainty, the fine men and women that make up the 132nd Fighter Wing have done what Iowans do best—let their work ethic speak for itself. I am honored to congratulate them on the four major national level awards they have attained in the last six months alone. The awards include the NGAUS Distinguished Flying Unit, Major General John J. Pesch Flight Safety Trophy, Maintenance Effectiveness Award in the Medium Category, and the ARC Logistics Activity of the Year Award. These awards affirm the 132nd as the Top Logistics Readiness Squadron and Top Maintenance organization in the entire Air National Guard.

Yesterday, this House passed H.J. Resolution 117 with my support which contained a crucial provision that places a moratorium on the proposed retirement of the 132nd Fighter Wing's F-16s, along with other proposed aircraft retirements from the Air National Guard. I do not believe that the Air Force's recommendation to close this fighter wing was based on thorough cost-benefit analysis. I will continue working to ensure that defense spending decisions are based on solid data and strengthening our national security, and working to fight for the permanent protection the members of the 132nd Fighter Wing deserve.

Mr. Speaker, the men and women that comprise the nationally acclaimed 132nd Fighter Wing in Des Moines are some of the most experienced in the Air Force. They are crucial contributors to our nation's security, both at home and abroad, and this body is wise for standing with them and pressing for more accountable decision making by the Pentagon. I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating the Iowa Air Guard on their recent achievements as we look forward to many more to come. May God continue to watch over all of our soldiers, and their families, across the world and here at home.

INTRODUCTION OF THE NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MUSEUM COMMISSION ACT OF 2012

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 14, 2012

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the National Women's History Museum Commission Act of 2012. I am proud to be joined in this effort by my friend and colleague Delegate ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON, as well as by Senator SUSAN COLLINS.

This bipartisan bill, which has also been introduced by Senator COLLINS, creates a new commission to examine the feasibility and cost of building a National Women's History Museum, NWHM, on or near the National Mall.

This commission will be a bipartisan, eight member body comprised of two members appointed by the Senate Majority Leader, two members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, two members appointed by the Minority Speaker of the Senate, and two members will be appointed by the House of Representatives Minority Leader. All appointees will need to demonstrate a commitment to the research and study of women's history.