

vital observances like Campus Fire Safety Month.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, students, firefighters and educators, in recognizing September as Campus Fire Safety Month.

A TRIBUTE TO KATIE LUZIER

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Katie Luzier of Norwalk, Iowa for being awarded the Girl Scout Gold Award.

The Gold Award is the highest award that a high school-aged Girl Scout can earn. This is a prestigious honor as fewer than 6 percent of eligible Girl Scouts attain the Gold Award in a given year.

To earn a Gold Award, a Girl Scout must complete a minimum of 80 hours towards a community project that is both memorable and lasting. For her project, Katie raised funds to permanently clean up trash on a bicycle path in her community. The work ethic Katie has shown to earn her Gold Award speaks volumes about her selfless commitment to serving others and assisting her community.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this young woman and her supportive family demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication and perseverance. I am honored to represent Katie and her family in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the House will join me in congratulating her on obtaining the Gold Award, and I wish her continued success in her future education and career.

HISPANIC SERVING INSTITUTIONS WEEK

HON. EDWARD R. ROYCE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. ROYCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and celebrate Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSI) Week. As Hispanic Heritage Month began September 15 and runs until October 15, 2012, I would like to acknowledge the numerous accomplishments the Hispanic community has achieved and continues to contribute to our nation. This week, September 16 to September 22, 2012, it is important to honor Hispanic Serving Institutions because they play an integral part in strengthening the Hispanic community through fulfilling students' higher educational needs.

In Orange County, California, I am proud to highlight California State University Fullerton (CSUF), my Alma Mater. In a county where 33.8% identify themselves as coming from Hispanic or Latino decent, not only is CSUF the only Hispanic Serving Institution in Orange County, it is the first in California and fourth in the United States in awarding baccalaureate degrees to Hispanic students. Additionally, it also ranks 19th nationally in Graduate Student enrollment. Educational institutions, like CSUF, embody the opportunity that translates to future success.

As the Hispanic community continues to grow, HSIs shape and promote education by providing the necessary tools to achieve academic success in fields ranging from science to business. Ultimately, these institutions empower citizens who work to give back and improve our nation. Where the Hispanic community remains an influential and growing force, not only in California, but nationally, it is important to distinguish HSI's commitment to academics as vital to the United States' success and growth.

REPUBLIC OF CHINA'S NATIONAL DAY ON OCTOBER 10

HON. JOHN SULLIVAN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. SULLIVAN. Mr. Speaker, as millions of Chinese around the globe celebrate the Republic of China's National Day this October 10, we need to acknowledge the fact that it hasn't been easy for Taiwan to be a beacon of democracy and an island of prosperity in a world of tyrants and economic uncertainty. Taiwan's many achievements are attributable to the tireless efforts of their people and leaders throughout the decades.

I am proud to see that the United States has always been on the side of the Republic of China. During WW II, the United States and China were partners in war and we supported Taiwan against potential adversaries for decades until we enacted the Taiwan Relations Act in 1979. In recent decades, we witnessed Taiwan's evolution from authoritarian rule to full democracy. At the same time Taiwan has been a good political, economic and cultural ally of the United States. In recent years, Taiwan has been very strong in cooperating with us against global terrorism.

I am glad that we have re-established high level trust with President Ma Ying-jeou's administration. Taiwan has resumed important arms purchases from us and that Taiwan has lifted the ban on U.S. beef imports and is looking to restart talks on the Trade and Investment Framework Agreement with us. I am sure that the United States and Taiwan will be helping each other in many areas in the years to come.

Congratulations to the people and leaders of the Republic of China (Taiwan) on their National Day.

HONORING ALISON TUDOR

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the dedicated work of Alison Tudor who serves as the Program Director with Mountain Crisis Services in Mariposa. As the Program Director, Alison spearheads the mission of Mountain Crisis Services, which seeks to prevent domestic and sexual violence by advocating for positive changes in the community.

Alison was born and raised in Tallahassee, Florida. She graduated from the University of Florida in Gainesville with a Bachelor's Degree

in Wildlife Ecology. Her love of the outdoors brought her to Yosemite National Park, where she moved to work with youth in environmental education for five years.

For the past year, Alison has served as the Program Director at Mountain Crisis Services in Mariposa. Prior to beginning this position, Alison managed prevention programs, including Project Respect and Promoting Gender Respect, which aim to prevent bullying and teen dating violence in Mariposa County.

Along with her important work at Mountain Crisis Services, Alison has also contributed greatly to the rape prevention work being conducted in cooperation with the University of California, Merced. This hard work has not gone unrecognized. Alison was awarded the Prevention Educator of the Year Award in August, 2012 given through the California Partnership to End Domestic Violence.

In addition to her prevention work, Alison serves as Chair for the Central Valley's Public Policy and Research Committee, a group which tracks legislation that impacts domestic and sexual violence. Alison's passion for knowing the complex issues surrounding domestic violence is a role which she embraces. She continuously goes above and beyond to assist the people of Mariposa. Alison is also a trained Doula. When she discovered that her community had about fourteen pregnant teens, she organized a parenting and childbirth class to address the specific needs of this young population. Furthermore, she spent countless hours helping to develop the Ethos Youth Center, a program of Mountain Crisis Services, which provides a healthy and safe environment for youth to gather while connecting with positive adult role models.

Alison's ability to see the big picture makes her invaluable to her organization and to the prevention efforts against domestic violence and sexual assault.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing and thanking Ms. Alison Tudor for her hard work as the Program Director of Mountain Crisis Services and for her continued efforts to increase the safety and wellbeing of residents in our Mariposa community. I wish her continued success in her future endeavors, and again, thank her for her dedication to improving the lives of all people living in Mariposa.

A TRIBUTE TO EAGLE SCOUT ADAM WALKER

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Adam Walker of Hiawatha, Iowa for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

The Eagle Scout rank is the highest advancement rank in scouting. Only about 5 percent of Boy Scouts earn the Eagle Scout Award. The award is a performance-based achievement with high standards that have been well-maintained over the past century.

To earn the Eagle Scout rank, a Boy Scout is obligated to pass specific tests that are organized by requirements and merit badges, as well as completing an Eagle Project to benefit the community. The work ethic Adam has shown in his Eagle Project and every other