

project leading up to his Eagle Scout rank speaks volumes of his commitment to serving a cause greater than himself and assisting his community.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this young man and his supportive family demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication and perseverance. I am honored to represent Adam and his family in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the House will join me in congratulating him on obtaining the Eagle Scout ranking, and I wish him continued success in his future education and career.

TRIBUTE TO TEXAS PANHANDLE  
HONOR FLIGHT

**HON. MAC THORNBERRY**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 19, 2012*

Mr. THORNBERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 94 veterans from Texas who will be visiting Washington, D.C., this week through the Texas Panhandle Honor Flight. On behalf of a grateful state and nation, we welcome these heroes to the nation's capital.

The veterans on this flight are: Charles Allen, U.S. Army Air Corps; Larry K. Baggett, U.S. Marine Corps; Wayne Baker, U.S. Army Air Corps; Jack Barnes, U.S. Navy; John Barnes, U.S. Navy; Donald E. Barton, U.S. Navy; Emmett L. Barton, U.S. Army; Clarence A. Betzen, U.S. Air Force; Kenneth S. Bjork, U.S. Navy; Albert Bland, U.S. Air Force; Clarence O. Bodling, U.S. Marine Corps; Van E. Bradford, U.S. Army; Roy M. Bradstreet, U.S. Army; Billy F. Brown, U.S. Army; Jerry Buttell, U.S. Air Force; Herbert R. Bytheway, U.S. Air Force; Lewis Cates, U.S. Army; Michael Cattaneo, U.S. Army; Paul E. Cattaneo, U.S. Army; Ernest Clark, U.S. Air Force; Lee J. Clark, U.S. Navy; Rodney E. Clark, U.S. Air Force; Ronald E. Clark, U.S. Army; Richard L. Collins, U.S. Navy; Michael Colon-Mateo, U.S. Army; Robert O. Counts, U.S. Army; Nicholas Devito, U.S. Army; William M. Edes, Texas Army National Guard; Warren Farris, U.S. Air Force; Donald E. Fine, U.S. Air Force; Antonio C. Flores, U.S. Army; John M. Gilbreath, U.S. Army; Kenneth G. Hammit, U.S. Navy; Homer Hampton, U.S. Navy; William J. Harris, U.S. Navy; James M. Hash, U.S. Army; Kenneth Holcomb, U.S. Army; Arthur L. Hulsey, U.S. Navy; Walton R. Humphrey, U.S. Navy; Joe R. Irwen, U.S. Marine Corps; Blythe Johnson, U.S. Navy; Robert Johnson, U.S. Army; Carl R. Lee, U.S. Navy; Elmer H. Lehnick, U.S. Army; Delwood Locke, U.S. Navy; Cecil E. McCarrell, U.S. Navy; Bill McCarty, U.S. Army; James O. McCracken, U.S. Army; Larry M. McCracken, U.S. Navy; Arch R. Moseley, U.S. Army; Felix P. Mote, U.S. Army; Frank Muratori, U.S. Army; Stephen L. Myers, U.S. Air Force; Wayne Nevins, U.S. Army; Clarence H. Nichols, U.S. Army; Anthony L. Paschel, U.S. Army; Don L. Patterson, U.S. Navy; Travis W. Peninger, U.S. Air Force; Jeffrey W. Pickard, U.S. Navy; Ellis B. Posey, U.S. Army; Jerald B. Post, U.S. Navy; Ronnie D. Powell, U.S. Army; William N. Quattlebaum, U.S. Navy; Ernest H. Ramm, U.S. Army; Roger Redman, U.S. Army; Donald E. Ricks, U.S. Army; E.J. Riley, U.S. Coast Guard; Joe C. Rivera, U.S. Army; Joe M. Rivera, U.S. Air

Force; William W. Rowell, U.S. Army Air Corps; Jacquelynn R. Salek, U.S. Navy; Richard G. Schacher, U.S. Air Force; Danny W. Schilling, U.S. Army; Calvin W. Skipper, U.S. Navy; Milton M. Skipper, U.S. Army; David S. Stear, U.S. Army; Charles R. Stokesberry, U.S. Army Air Corps; Larry D. Teague, U.S. Navy; Robert A. Thompson, Sr., U.S. Marine Corps; Clifford W. Thornton, U.S. Army; Bobby J. Thorpe, U.S. Navy; Brent V. Thorpe, U.S. Marine Corps; Fredric E. Tout, U.S. Air Force; Scott Tout, U.S. Army; William P. Vann, Texas Army National Guard; Eugene S. Waits, U.S. Navy; Jack D. Waller, U.S. Army; Butch G. Warren, U.S. Navy; Forrest W. Warren, U.S. Army; Robert C. Whitney, U.S. Navy; Roy L. Wilhite, U.S. Army; Reece Wilterding, U.S. Army; James Windor, U.S. Army; Otho Wiseman, U.S. Army.

Mr. Speaker, I am humbled by the opportunity to meet these men and women who exemplify the greatness of America. The services they rendered to our country can never be fully repaid, but I hope that when they visit Washington, D.C., it will reflect the gratitude and respect we have for them.

Colleagues, please join me in thanking these veterans and their families for their exemplary dedication and service to this great nation. I would also like to extend a special thank you to the local communities, all of the volunteers, and Mr. Jack Barnes for their extensive work in organizing this Honor Flight. This trip would not have been possible without all of the financial and emotional support of the people who have put in so much hard work and personal time to make sure this trip could be possible.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF  
PERRYENE LICKERT

**HON. BRETT GUTHRIE**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 19, 2012*

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Peryene Lickert on retiring after 31 years dedicated to civil service at Ft. Knox.

Since 1981, Ms. Lickert has served our nation in a multitude of capacities. From working in the Commissary as a Sales Store Checker to working as a Military Personnel Clerk in several departments, Ms. Lickert has dedicated her career to a greater cause.

Next week, Ms. Lickert's civil service ends as a Human Resources Assistant in the Health Services Directorate with the U.S. Army's Recruiting Command.

Upon Ms. Lickert's retirement, I want to wish her well and thank her for her service to both the Ft. Knox community as well as our great nation. You have made Kentucky's Second Congressional District proud.

HONORING THE CENTENNIAL  
CELEBRATION OF THE FOUNDING  
OF NATALIA, TEXAS

**HON. FRANCISCO "QUICO" CANSECO**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 19, 2012*

Mr. CANSECO. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to rise today to recognize and honor the centen-

nial celebration of the founding of Natalia, Texas.

Natalia, which is located approximately 30 miles southwest of downtown San Antonio, was founded in 1912 by the Medina Irrigation Company. The town was named after Natalie Pearson, daughter of Fred Stark Pearson, who oversaw the irrigation company and building of the Medina Dam. During the town's application process for a post office the following year, Natalie's name was misspelled and the town became known as Natalia.

After the deaths of Pearson and his wife, who were passengers on the ill-fated Lusitania which was sunk by German forces in 1915, the Medina Irrigation Company went bankrupt and was subsequently reorganized under the name of Medina Irrigated Farms in 1931. Despite the tough economic environment in the U.S. during that time, Charles F. C. Ladd was successful in selling bonds in the amount of \$2.5 million to pay for the Medina valley irrigation and to create a new loan fund for prospective land purchasers. As a result, the town prospered and increased its population from 150 in 1933 to 400 in 1939.

Today, Natalia is home to more than 1,400 people and is a vibrant community that is home to many families and businesses. Its centennial celebration will be marked with proud and exciting festivities that symbolize Natalia's wonderful history. I am proud to recognize this special event and have the opportunity to represent Natalia in the United States House of Representatives.

HONORING DAN ANDERSON

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 19, 2012*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize the outstanding achievement of Dan Anderson of Blue Springs, Missouri. Dan was the principal of the Blue Springs Freshman Center in Blue Springs, Missouri, and is the Missouri Association of Secondary School Principals' Principal of the Year. This prestigious award recognizes Dan's ability to excel and impact in the ever-demanding role of principal and lead educator in all aspects of education.

Mr. Speaker, Dan's impact in the areas of collaborative leadership, curriculum, instruction and assessment, and his personalization of the learning environment are stellar and recognized by his fellow educators, parents, and community. The selection was made from more than 600 high school principals throughout the Great State of Missouri. The Blue Springs Freshman Center is unique with 1,100 freshmen students within the Blue Springs School District. Dan was able to effectively position the talent of his team, motivate excellence in his school's curriculum, and clearly communicate purpose with the families and community in Blue Springs.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me in applauding Dan Anderson's outstanding professionalism and commitment to educating the American youth. I join with Dan's colleagues, family, friends, and students in congratulating Dan on his outstanding achievement, and wish him good luck in his future endeavors.