

League. They had the best start in NHL history, setting the record for most consecutive points scored to start a season. Entering the playoffs they were the overall number one seed. The team faced and defeated the Minnesota Wild, Detroit Red Wings, and the Los Angeles Kings to win the Clarence S. Campbell Bowl as Western Conference champions.

Lead by Coach Joel Quenneville, the Blackhawks faced the Boston Bruins in the Stanley Cup Finals. It was truly a team effort to overcome the physicality and aggressiveness of the Bruins. After a hard-fought series, it came down to 2 goals scored in 17 seconds late in the third period, by Bryan Bickell and Dave Bolland, to overcome a one goal deficit to win the Stanley Cup. Patrick Kane became only the 4th American player to win the Conn Smythe Trophy as NHL Playoff MVP.

As a lifelong Chicagoan I take great pride in congratulating the Blackhawks on another thrilling season. I thank them for bringing the Stanley Cup back to the Madhouse on Madison.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF LT.
COL. FRANK BLACKBURN

HON. RICHARD L. HANNA

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 26, 2013

Mr. HANNA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of a great American, Lt. Col. Frank Blackburn, of Rome, NY, who will be buried with full military honors in Arlington National Cemetery on Thursday, 27 June, 2013. Lt. Col. Blackburn was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force in December 1953 after completing flight training school in Texas. He graduated from Syracuse University.

Lt. Col. Blackburn had a distinguished flying career with the Air Force. He was stationed in Korea following the war with the 405th Fighter-Bomber Wing at Langley, VA; with the 353rd Tactical Fighter Squadron in Myrtle Beach, SC; as a missile crew commander in Sembach, Germany; and with the 37th Tactical Fighter wing in Vietnam from 1968 to 1969, as a forward air controller. He rose to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and retired from the service in 1972. While in the Air Force, Frank piloted many of the nation's earliest and most important jet aircraft, including the F-84, F-86 Sabre and the F100 Super Sabre.

Lt. Col. Blackburn earned numerous commendations, including: the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Korean Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Air Force Longevity Service Award with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Distinguished Unit Citation, Air Force Expeditionary Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Small Arms Expert Marksman Ribbon, Vietnam Service Medal with one Bronze Service Star, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, and Air Force Medal.

He followed this career with 25 years of service at PAR Technology Corp. in Rome, NY where his responsibilities included operations, purchasing, and security. He and his wife, Donna Logan Blackburn raised five chil-

dren: Wendy, James, Debra, David and Andrea. Lt. Col. Blackburn served as a council member, elder and Sunday School teacher at St. John Lutheran Church in Rome and he was a member of the Retired Officers Association and a past member of the Rome Kiwanis Club.

Mr. Speaker, Lt. Col. Blackburn was a 20-year career U.S. Air Force officer, a dedicated husband, father, grandfather and member of his community. Let us honor him as a true American patriot. May his memory never be forgotten.

TRIBUTE TO KAREN REGNO

HON. BILL FLORES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 26, 2013

Mr. FLORES. Mr. Speaker, I submit this statement on behalf of the office of the Chief of Legislative Liaison.

Karen Regno has faithfully worked for the better interests of our country for nearly 22 years in the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Department of Defense, the Patent and Trademark Office, and even for a short time as a Fellow in a Congressional office in Washington, D.C.

Originally from Waco, Texas, Karen brings a well-rounded knowledge of the nongovernmental world as well, as evidence by her 14 years working for Bell South and then later AT&T. She took her education seriously during this time and earned her undergraduate degree in Business from the University of Maryland, an MBA from Kennesaw State University, a Masters Certificate in Project Management from George Washington University, and a certification as a Project Management Professional.

Karen returned to civil service in May of 2009, and has served as the Congressional Affairs Contact Officer for the office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology since that time. She takes the utmost care to ensure that the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology provides timely and accurate responses to all Congressional inquiries and requests. As a Member of Congress, I cannot emphasize enough how valuable this capability and dedication to the job is to the efficient and effective running of our government.

Service to our country runs in her family. Her Father, Bryan, served in the Marines during World War II in Guam, Iwo Jima, Guadalcanal, and the Philippines; her older brother, Rob, served in the Army during Vietnam; her father-in-law, Jim, served in the Army; her son-in-law, Todd, is a Colonel in the Army currently serving in Stuttgart, Germany; and her daughter Keli, is an Assistant District Attorney in Texas. She has not only seen the examples of those who came before her, but has also been an example to those who have come after about the importance of serving our country.

We, the office of the Chief of Legislative Liaison, wish her the best of luck as she steps into this next adventure as she travels, goes to as many baseball games as possible, and spends time with her grandkids.

RECOGNIZING THE TIRELESS SERVICE AND EARNEST DEDICATION OF THE DARDEN FOUNDATION AND SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 26, 2013

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize the tireless service and earnest dedication of the Darden Foundation, the charitable arm of Darden Restaurants, Inc., on their awarding of over \$200,000 during the month of April 2013 to Florida nonprofit organizations through their Restaurant Community Grants program. The altruistic aspiration to improve Florida through their philanthropic support of charitable organizations is to be admired.

The value of service for Darden Restaurants was defined over 40 years ago by Darden's founder, Bill Darden, who established a culture that rewards caring for and responding to people. Darden's Restaurant Community Grants program is a local initiative which strives to make an impact in the communities Darden and its restaurant brands serve by engaging and supporting nonprofit community organizations. The Darden Foundation focuses its efforts on three key program areas: access to postsecondary education, preservation of natural resources and elimination of hunger. Every restaurant in the Darden family of brands is empowered with the opportunity to help award a \$1,000 grant to exceptional nonprofit organizations that align with Darden's three areas of focus.

In addition, it is my pleasure to recognize Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida, which has partnered with Darden in a joint effort to combat hunger. For nearly three decades, Second Harvest has fought hunger by collecting, storing and distributing donated food items to over 500 partnering agencies throughout six Central Florida counties. In partnership with Darden, Second Harvest's Food Rescue Program picks up prepared food items from various Central Florida Darden restaurants and delivers the food items to surrounding nonprofit agencies who serve meals to people in need. Darden has also united with Second Harvest's "Building Solutions to Hunger" campaign with a leadership gift of \$750,000 to assist Second Harvest's construction of a new facility that will be better equipped to meet the needs of the Central Florida community.

On behalf of the citizens of Central Florida, it is my pleasure to recognize the selfless work of the Darden Foundation and Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida. May their example of continuous service and generosity inspire many to follow in their footsteps.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 26, 2013

Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained due to a family medical situation