

The many Guard and Reserve deployments over the last decade have resulted in highly seasoned guardsmen with more skill and experience than we've ever seen.

We cannot allow Big Army, Air Force or Navy to push their sequestration-woes onto our citizen soldiers. Under sequestration, technicians are the only uniformed military personnel who are being furloughed. While we must continue working to replace the devastating sequester cuts for all affected, furloughing military technicians undermines our last decade of investment, which is imprudent and will cost us in the long run.

When it comes to keeping America safe in the midst of shrinking budgets, the National Guard is an investment with a very high return and should play a critical role in meeting the demands of our 21st century commitments.

I urge my colleagues to support this amendment.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SCRANTON CELEBRATING ITS 125TH ANNIVERSARY DURING THE 2013-2014 ACADEMIC YEAR

### HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2013

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the University of Scranton and congratulate its leadership and students as the university celebrates its 125th academic anniversary. Founded in 1888, the University of Scranton will commemorate this remarkable achievement through various events throughout the 2013–2014 school year.

The University of Scranton was originally founded as Saint Thomas College by the most Reverend William G. O'Hara, D.D., the first Bishop of Scranton. In August 1888, the cornerstone was blessed by Bishop O'Hara, who sought to provide higher education for the Lackawanna Valley.

Prior to being administered by Jesuits, the university saw leadership by diocesan priests and seminarians, Xaverian Brothers, and the Christian Brothers, who changed the name of the school in 1938 from Saint Thomas College to the University of Scranton. In 1942, Reverend Coleman Nevils, S.J. led 19 Jesuits to administer the University of Scranton, an educational presence still felt today under Rev. Kevin P. Quinn S.J., who continues to grow the range of academic offerings and advanced degrees offered by the institution.

Through the years, the University of Scranton has gone from less than 1,000 local commuter students, to more than 6,000 students who come from all over northeastern Pennsylvania and beyond. The university's strategy and modern initiatives aimed at bettering lives and academics of its students are based on core Ignatian values, such as Cura Personalis (treating others, especially students, as individuals, just as God treats us), Magis (a relentless desire for excellence grounded in gratitude), and Rei Sollicitudo (a commitment to careful stewardship of the resources entrusted to our care).

In recognition of the University of Scranton's storied success, it will celebrate the 125th anniversary of the blessing of the original corner-

stone with a mass and luncheon on August 12. The university is a gem in my district, and I offer my congratulations to the faculty, staff, administration, students and alumni on this momentous occasion.

RECOGNIZING DREAM IT. DO IT.

### HON. LEE TERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2013

Mr. TERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dream It. Do It., Nebraska's new partnership with my alma mater, Omaha Northwest High School.

The Dream It. Do It. Initiative partners manufacturers with local schools and community organizations to promote manufacturing and educate students on careers in an industry that supports one in six jobs in the United States. According to the National Association of Manufacturers, the manufacturing industry employs nearly 10 percent of the workforce in Nebraska with annual average salaries of \$53,831. That's \$14,000 higher than other non-farm payrolls in my State. In addition to educating students on benefits of careers in manufacturing, Dream It. Do It. Nebraska helps students and their families understand the education paths necessary to obtain these jobs.

As Chairman of the Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing and Trade of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, I have heard repeatedly from over 40 witnesses in our Nation of Builders hearings that there are a lot of manufacturing jobs available. I've heard this from some manufacturers in Omaha. The problem is that employers are finding there isn't a pool of potential employees with the necessary skills for these positions. Dream It. Do It. Nebraska makes sure that tomorrow's workers in my district have the education and skills required to fill these great, middle-class jobs. I am pleased that Dream It. Do It. Nebraska is working in my district to help prepare young people for these jobs.

With twenty-five programs nationwide, Dream It. Do It. is truly a grassroots program. Its grassroots nature allows local leaders to design programs to address the specific needs in their communities. Dream It. Do It. Nebraska is able to prepare Nebraska students for Nebraska jobs.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Dream It. Do It. Nebraska and Omaha Northwest High School on their new partnership. I know that my Northwest Huskies and Dream It. Do It. Nebraska's partnership will benefit Nebraskans for years to come.

HONORING MISS CALIFORNIA 2013, CRYSTAL LEE

### HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2013

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Miss California 2013, Crystal Lee, who will be competing in the prestigious Miss America pageant this September.

A lifelong Bay Area resident, Crystal competed as Miss Silicon Valley against 60 other

outstanding young women at the Miss California Pageant earlier this year. Through five phases of competition, including interview, physical fitness in swimsuit, evening wear, on-stage question and talent, Crystal rose to the top. During preliminary competition nights, she even took top honors for her evening gown presentation and her ballet en pointe performance of "The Dying Swan." The latter should come as no surprise, since Crystal is an accomplished dancer who has been perfecting her technique for the last 13 years.

Winning the title of Miss California earned Crystal more than \$14,000 in scholarships. Over her four years of competing in the Miss America program, including in 2008 when she was Miss California's Outstanding Teen, Crystal has earned more than \$30,000 in scholarships. These awards were well spent, as Crystal graduated this past June from the venerable Stanford University. Proving that our Miss California has both beauty and brains, Crystal worked as a research assistant in the psychology, biology, virtual reality and drama departments and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Human Biology and a Master's Degree in Communications.

Crystal will put her Stanford education and Silicon Valley roots to good use through her Miss California platform Girls in S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math). She's been a steadfast advocate for women to study and choose careers in STEM after she experienced firsthand a gender imbalance in her own classes and multiple internships at male-dominated technology start-ups. She's worked hand-in-hand with the Girl Scouts of America to help young girls understand engineering principles and earn their technology badges.

With perseverance, hard work and a little luck, Crystal will be able to continue her STEM platform at the national level as Miss America. California is fortunate to have such a strong and successful young woman representing us. This year's Miss America pageant will take on special meaning when it returns to its birthplace in Atlantic City after seven years away and no doubt it will be a memorable experience for all the young women participating. However, there is one I'll be cheering for most. To Miss California 2013, Crystal Lee, I wish nothing but the best of luck in her pursuit of the Miss America crown.

CONGRATULATING DR. ERDAG GOKNAR

### HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2013

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Dr. Erdag Goknar of Duke University in Durham, North Carolina for being honored by the National Endowment for the Arts, NEA, and awarded a 2014 NEA Literature Translation Fellowship.

Dr. Goknar serves at Duke University as an Assistant Professor of Turkish Studies and concentrates on late Ottoman and modern Turkish works. He also specializes in politics and cultural translation on works from the Middle East, including Islam and Sufism as well as secular modernity, identity, and gender issues. He is a published author on Turkish literary culture and has produced three complete translations of important Turkish books.