

scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Gabriel has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Gabriel removed and replaced stones from the prayer garden at St. James Catholic Church in Liberty, Missouri, enhancing the overall beauty and quality of the prayer garden.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Gabriel Harrison Biggs for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

CELEBRATING WORLD WAR II VETERAN LESLIE MAST'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2013

Mrs. WALORSKI. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in celebration of World War II Veteran Leslie Mast's 100th birthday on Saturday, October 5, 2013. Mr. Mast, a Machinist Mate First Class, is an extraordinary individual from Elkhart, Indiana. Throughout his life, Mr. Mast has demonstrated a deep-rooted courage and commitment to his family and our country.

At the age of 29, Mr. Mast enlisted in the United States Navy as a machinist. After training, Mr. Mast sailed to New York where he received his overseas assignment. He was sent to Arzew, Algeria where his crew spent three weeks training and preparing before they received orders to Bizerte, Tunisia. Mr. Mast spent one year in Bizerte maintaining and repairing a variety of different vessels. During his time in the Navy, Mr. Mast learned how to appreciate the little things in life. Thanks to the brave fighting spirit of servicemembers like Mr. Mast, freedom triumphed over the empires of tyranny.

Our country owes a great deal of respect and gratitude to incredible individuals like Mr. Mast who have devoted their lives to protect the United States of America at home and abroad. Thanks to the service and sacrifice of Hoosier war heroes, our country remains strong and free. Mr. Mast's commitment to defend liberty truly symbolizes the essence of American patriotism.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me in celebration of Leslie Mast's 100th birthday and admirable service to this great nation.

RECOGNIZING THE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2013 BLACK ACHIEVERS, INC. AWARDS

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2013

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding recipients of the 2013 Black Achievers, Inc. Awards.

Black Achievers, Inc. is an impressive organization dedicated to promoting qualities such as leadership, service, and making a positive impact in our community. This years' award-ees embody these noble values.

The recipients of this the 2013 Black Achievers, Inc. awards are Jorge Albarran, Leslie Allison, Kimberly Beaty, Larry Bonds, Harold S. Cardwell, Jr., Shemika Charles, Phillip Dabney, Jr., Vincent J. Grooms, Lloyd James Hargrave, Dwight Douglas Hicks, James Jones Jr., Leonard E. Lane, Kyle L. Mann, Willie A. Price, Dolly Michelle Randle, Kaamalal Robinson, George E. Stokes, Mark Worthy, and Keith M. Young.

Each of these impressive individuals has made significant contributions in various career and community endeavors. I am proud to see such dedicated, hard-working individuals be recognized tonight, and applaud their efforts to better our community.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for giving me the opportunity to recognize the recipients of the 2013 Black Achievers, Inc. Awards, and those who work tirelessly for this valuable organization. Their achievements are commendable and their devotion to our community is inspiring. I wish each and every one of them the best in all their future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RUBÉN HINOJOSA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2013

Mr. HINOJOSA. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 512 on H.J. Res. 70—On the Motion to Table the Appeal of the Ruling of the Chair, I am not recorded because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "no".

Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 513 on passage of H.J. Res. 70, Making continuing appropriations for National Park Service operations, the Smithsonian Institution, the National Gallery of Art, and the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum for fiscal year 2014, I am not recorded because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "no".

Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 514 on passage of H.J. Res. 73, Making continuing appropriations for the National Institutes of Health for fiscal year 2014, I am not recorded because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "no".

SWISS FLOWER AND GIFT COTTAGE

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Swiss Flower and Gift Cottage for receiving the 2013 Wheat Ridge Business of the Year Award.

This award recognizes a business that exemplifies the "Best in Business" that represents the values of our community.

Swiss Flower and Gift Cottage owner Heidi Haas-Sheard has been conducting business in her building since she was a small child, and in 2012 she decided to educate the community on the multitude of businesses on 44th Avenue from Ward Road to Harlan in Wheat Ridge. She wanted to encourage people to shop local for those things they need and want. It started with a simple idea of pointing out 44 reasons to shop 44th Avenue, including

a list of established businesses and a map to reference their locations. She then designed a postcard listing all the businesses on 44th that she provided to each business, thus creating a shared advertising idea. With the assistance of the City of Wheat Ridge and local partners, the vision now includes a website, signage on the bus shelters along the corridor, and a raised awareness of the businesses along 44th Avenue in Wheat Ridge.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Swiss Flower and Gift Cottage for this well deserved recognition by the City of Wheat Ridge and the Wheat Ridge Business Association. Thank you for your dedication to our community.

DR. WILLIAM H. FARLAND

HON. JARED POLIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2013

Mr. POLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary public service career of Dr. William H. Farland as he concludes his tenure as Vice President for Research at Colorado State University (CSU), one of the nation's top research universities.

Dr. Farland received his undergraduate degree from Loyola University; a master's degree in Zoology from the University of California, Los Angeles; and a doctor of philosophy degree in cell biology and biochemistry from the University of California, Los Angeles.

At the Environmental Protection Agency, Dr. Farland rose to become the highest-ranking career scientist, appointed Deputy Assistant Administrator for Science in the Office of Research and Development (ORD) and also directing the EPA's Office of the Science Advisor. His 27-year federal career was characterized by a commitment to the development of national and international approaches to the testing and assessment of environmental agents.

Numerous executive-level committees and advisory boards within the federal government sought his expertise. Examples of his service include: Chairing the Executive Committee of the National Toxicology Program (NTP); serving as a Public Member of the American Chemistry Council's Strategic Science Team for its Long Term Research Initiative (ACC/LRI); and as a Member of the Programme Advisory Committee for the WHO's International Programme on Chemical Safety.

Dr. Farland received numerous accolades for his public service including recognition in 2002 by the Society for Risk Analysis with the "Outstanding Risk Practitioner Award" and appointment in 2005 as a Fellow of the Society. In 2006, he received a Presidential Rank Award for his service as a federal senior executive.

Dr. Farland's outstanding public service continued at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, CO, where he oversaw record-breaking annual research expenditures in excess of \$300 million, representing a third of the University's overall budget. Dr. Farland was also named to two prestigious National Academies of Science committees that address environmental issues' impact on human health and named an Academy of Toxicological Sciences Fellow.

Dr. Farland has performed outstanding federal service, showing an unwavering commitment to promoting science in service of the public, and he has earned the trust and utmost respect of his colleagues and the citizens of Colorado as a member of the community of dedicated public servants at CSU.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to honor William H. Farland's distinguished service and want to express a deep appreciation for his dedication, sacrifice, and outstanding service to his country in the name of science and education.

IN HONOR OF ROBERT "BOB"
WILLIAMS

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2013

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor my dear friend, Mr. Robert "Bob" Williams on the occasion of his 95th birthday. It may be hard to believe this, but neither I—nor my intrepid staff—can seem to find a good cause in The Woodlands that Bob has not been instrumental in or supported.

How many 95 year olds do you know that are using their birthday to raise funds and food for the needy? But, that's Bob. He is spending his birthday morning this Saturday at the Panther Creek Randalls store collecting non-perishable food and much needed money for InterFaith's Food Pantry. But, that's our Bob.

Almost as soon as he moved to The Woodlands, Bob was busy helping to establish our first YMCA. From being a charter member of the Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church and a Hometown Hero, Bob Williams knows a lot about service. An Eagle Scout, World War II veteran and lifelong Kiwanis Club member, Bob founded The Woodlands first Kiwanis Club. Nearly 60 years later, he is still a distinguished member and his hard work is evident in the Kiwanis Breakfast and Key Clubs in four Woodlands High Schools that teach our young students community service.

Bob walks the walk he talks every day. Whether it be in Kiwanis, the Special Olympics, his church, the YMCA or InterFaith, he leads by example with humor and caring.

An amazing tennis player also known for his beautiful singing voice and for—get this—driving himself all over the United States; it's not unusual to hear how he just road-tripped the Midwest or Florida. That's Bob.

Between his 90th and 95th birthday, he tried to go home again to Chicago, but it didn't take him long to realize Texas was home now. We are grateful for that epiphany because we are better for his service.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize my friend Bob Williams for his countless—and ongoing—contributions to The Woodlands. I urge you to join me in recognizing Bob Williams for his many years of service, which I know will continue long after the candles are blown out on his 95 birthday cake.

RECOGNIZING TIMOTHY Z.
JENNINGS

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2013

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor former New Mexico State Senator Timothy Z. Jennings, who is being recognized with the prestigious Heritage Award by the Historical Society of Southeast New Mexico. A lifelong resident of Roswell, few have done more for their community and the entire state than Timothy Z. Jennings.

The Society is holding its 32nd Anniversary Heritage Dinner on October 8 in Roswell to celebrate the rich history of Southeast New Mexico. Each year, the Society, which dates back to 1907, honors a member of the community with the Heritage Award. This year's award will be presented to Timothy Z. Jennings in recognition of his many years of dedicated service to the community and the State of New Mexico.

Timothy Z. Jennings, the son of James T. and Francis Jennings, was born, raised and still lives in Roswell. His father, James, was a prominent local attorney and his mother, Francis, is a longtime member of the Historical Society of Southeast New Mexico. He graduated from New Mexico Military Institute, earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Creighton University in Nebraska and took courses in agriculture at New Mexico State University. He continues to operate a sheep ranch outside of Roswell.

Timothy Z. Jennings was first elected to the Chaves County Commission in 1975. After serving for four years, he was elected to the New Mexico Senate, where he represented his constituents with distinction for 33 years, becoming the second-longest-serving member in history. He served in several leadership posts, including Majority and Minority Whip, Majority Floor Leader and Senate President Pro Tempore. He was respected as a bipartisan leader and a champion for persons with developmental disabilities.

Timothy Z. Jennings and his late wife, Patty, were passionate supporters of cancer research and strong advocates for cancer patients and their families. He continues that passion in memory of Patty.

For his efforts on behalf of New Mexicans, Timothy Z. Jennings received the Outstanding Leadership Award from New Mexico State University, the Friend of the Profession award from the New Mexico Society of Certified Public Accountants, the Soaring Eagle Award from the New Mexico Association of Counties, honorary membership from the New Mexico Medical Society, and was honored for his commitment and support in the battle against cancer from the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, in addition to numerous other awards.

After leaving the Legislature, Timothy Z. Jennings was appointed to a prestigious position on the New Mexico State Investment Council. He has also kept busy on the ranch, serving as fire chief for the volunteer fire department near his home and spending time with his children: Katherine and husband Josh Stewart, Elliot Ikard and wife Melanie, Courtney Ikard, Zeph Jennings, Zach Jennings and grandson Keegan Ikard.

HONORING CHRISTOPHER DAVID
JOHNSON

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2013

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Christopher David Johnson. Christopher is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 247, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Christopher has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Christopher has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Christopher has earned the rank of Runner in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say while serving as his troop's Senior Patrol Leader. Christopher has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Christopher built eight movable walls for the Kansas City Pet Project to be used for training stray dogs in order to prepare them to be adopted by loving families.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Christopher David Johnson for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

DANIEL "TINY" CROSS

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2013

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Daniel "Tiny" Cross of Bolivar, Missouri, whose hand-carved hobo nickels have been included in the National Numismatic Collection of the Smithsonian National Museum of American History.

Tiny became interested in numismatics quite some years ago, collecting hobo coins, specifically, about a decade ago, and carving his own about two years ago. In 2003, he joined the American Numismatic Association and, became the district representative for the State of Missouri. While attending a numismatic seminar in Colorado, he met the collection manager for the Smithsonian Institution National Numismatic Collection, and she found his coins very interesting.

Unlike many numismatic artists, Tiny does all of his work by hand. A unique staple of Tiny's work includes golf hats carved on the bearded men on his coins. His work has captured the attention of many and will be a fantastic addition to the Smithsonian collection.

RECOGNIZING PAUL HERZOG

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2013

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor New