

leagues and various recreational activities. The Arc has numerous group homes which allow adults to enjoy an independent and less structured living environment. These programs afford individuals the opportunity to grow and develop their skills and social networks.

This year, The Arc of Greater Prince William celebrates its 50th Anniversary. The organization has built a remarkable infrastructure of programs and facilities, including a new 13,800 square foot expansion. The residents of Prince William are served well by the diverse and comprehensive selection of assistance programs offered by The Arc.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating The Arc of the Greater Prince William County on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary and in thanking their compassionate members and staff for their commitment to providing opportunities for disabled individuals. I would like to express my personal gratitude for their work and my admiration for the mission they seek to accomplish.

RECOGNIZING CORPORAL WILLIAM
"KYLE" CARPENTER ON THE OC-
CASION OF RECEIVING THE
MEDAL OF HONOR

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the remarkable military service of retired Marine Corporal William "Kyle" Carpenter, and former Defense Fellow with the House Veterans Affairs Committee, as earlier today he became the latest and youngest recipient of our Nation's highest military honor, the Medal of Honor.

Born in Flowood, Mississippi on October 17, 1989, Corporal Carpenter enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in February 2009. Upon completion of Recruit Training at Parris Island, South Carolina, then Private First Class Carpenter was assigned to Fox Company, 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines as a Squad Automatic Weapon gunner. In July 2010, Corporal Carpenter deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Later that year, his life would change forever in an instant.

On November 21, 2010, Lance Corporal Carpenter and Lance Corporal Nicholas Eufrazio were providing overwatch on the rooftop of a makeshift operation center in Marjah, Helmand Province, Afghanistan, when his unit took small arms fire from enemy forces. A live grenade landed next to both men and with complete disregard for his own personal safety, Lance Corporal Carpenter leaped onto the grenade to save the life of his brother-in-arms. His subsequent injuries were so extensive that the medical team of a nearby facility labeled him "Expired on Arrival".

Thanks to the remarkable efforts of his medical team, Corporal Carpenter stabilized. In the following two and a half years, Corporal Carpenter would undergo more than forty surgeries to fix a skull fracture, punctured lung, thirty fractures to his right arm, a fractured jaw, ruptured ear drums, and subsequently lost his right eye. All the while, the Marine Corps and Department of the Navy had been conducting an investigation into the incident

and found that Corporal Carpenter's actions proved worthy of the Medal of Honor for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity.

I do not believe Corporal Carpenter's actions that day occurred in a vacuum; selflessness and heroism of that magnitude do not simply happen overnight, and it serves as a testament to the moral character he had developed every single day leading up to that fateful event. The true grit, determination, and never-give-up attitude he has demonstrated through his extensive rehabilitation these past few years since serve us all as an example of the best this Nation has to offer. While the duration of his official military service was cut short, the example he left will motivate and inspire not just those within our military ranks, but our entire Nation for generations to come.

I wish Kyle all the best in his future endeavors and thank him for his selfless service and sacrifice. Semper Fi, Corporal Carpenter.

RECOGNIZING THE CENTENNIAL
ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF
NIAGARA

HON. REID J. RIBBLE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 20, 2014

Mr. RIBBLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the City of Niagara. Founded in 1914, this community is located at the northern part of my district and has been referred to as a "City of Scenic Beauty". The name itself means "thundering waters". Smalley Falls and Piers Gorge are two highly visited places near the city. The beautiful Menominee River serves as a border between this city in my district and the State of Michigan. This part of the 8th District is a wonderful destination for travelers looking to get outdoors.

This community also takes great pride in some residents that have represented the City of Niagara well through their professional accomplishments. Anna DeForge, an alumna of the Niagara High School basketball program, became the first resident to not only play for the WNBA but also played on the 2004 WNBA All Star Team.

Retired Major General Michael J. McCarthy, another Niagara native, served his country with distinction in the United States Air Force and completed his service to our country by working at the Pentagon. Major General McCarthy has been recognized with the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Vietnam Service Medal as well as Vietnam Gallantry Cross, and Kuwait Liberation Medal, just to name a few.

The City of Niagara is planning to commemorate their centennial from June 25–29th with a giant carnival, live music, children's activities and a grand parade that will include the University of Wisconsin Marching Band. Again, I congratulate the City of Niagara for achieving this milestone, and wish the city and its residents all the best in the next 100 years!

CELEBRATING THE FIRST ANNI-
VERSARY OF AEROJET
ROCKETDYNE

HON. AMI BERA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 20, 2014

Mr. BERA of California. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to celebrate an important milestone for one of Sacramento County's most important economic drivers, Aerojet Rocketdyne.

It was one year ago that the formerly separate companies officially launched their future together as Aerojet Rocketdyne, a company that jointly represents 130 years of space launch and rocket propulsion.

Aerojet Rocketdyne is a world-recognized aerospace and defense leader providing propulsion and energetics to the space, missile defense, strategic, tactical missile and armaments areas. They also play a key role in our nation's space program.

They employ more than 5,300 people nation-wide, and more than 3000 of those employees are in my home state of California. They represent the best our nation has to offer in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), and contribute to our community and to keeping our nation a leader in aerospace and propulsion.

Over this inaugural year, among Aerojet Rocketdyne's many accomplishments was successfully contributing to 11 rocket launches; and they have already contributed to the successful launch of 4 of the 17 rocket launches planned for 2014. They have powered every human mission to space since the Gemini and Mercury missions that preceded the Apollo Moon missions.

Aerojet Rocketdyne will also power the next generation Space Launch System, which will launch humans into space farther than we have ever gone before, and they are working with commercial partners to provide affordable and innovative solutions to launching crew and cargo to the International Space Station.

So, again, I want to recognize Aerojet Rocketdyne and the men and women who have worked to invigorate our economy and make our country a leader in propulsion and space exploration. Thank you, Aerojet Rocketdyne, for 130 years of success. I wish you many more!

TRIBUTE TO QUINTON JENKINS

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 20, 2014

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Quinton Jenkins for being named a state winner of the Library of Congress's Letters about Literature program.

Letters about Literature is a national reading and writing program that is sponsored by the Library of Congress. The program asks students to write to the past or present author of a book that affected their life. More than 50,000 young readers from across the country submitted letters last year to compete for the state-level awards for 2014.

A panel of judges that can include published authors, editors, publishers, librarians, teachers, and state officials chose Quinton's letter