

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRATULATING ARTHREX, INC.
ON BEING NAMED A FORTUNE
TOP 100 COMPANY TO WORK FOR

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Arthrex, Inc. on being named a Fortune Top 100 company to work for, and to commend its exemplary service to the Naples community.

Arthrex is a global medical device company in Naples, FL. Their mission is to help surgeons treat their patients as best as possible, and they have more than surpassed that goal. The company is a leader in new product development and medical education in orthopedics. More than that, Arthrex is a pioneer in the field of arthroscopy and has developed more than 8,500 innovative products and surgical procedures to advance minimally invasive orthopedics worldwide.

Fortune uses an expert firm that has developed a methodology to evaluate workplace cultures, and a 58-question employee survey to measure trust. Two-thirds of a company's score is based on the employee survey, while one-third is based on a culture audit. Hundreds of companies apply to be on the list, making Arthrex's accomplishment that much more special. However, by looking at their company, it is clear to see why they made the list.

Under the leadership of Mr. Reinhold Schmieding, Arthrex continues to grow and thrive in the community. Having visited their facility in Naples, I saw firsthand the important work they are doing and the impact the company has in the area. Not only does Arthrex provide countless jobs, it also fosters a culture of personal and professional growth, with excellent benefits and services. These services include tuition reimbursement, internships, apprenticeships, and a comprehensive benefits package.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to congratulate Arthrex, Inc. on their accomplishment, and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing their outstanding achievement.

ANGELEE DAVIS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Angelee Davis on her honorable mention in the C-SPAN StudentCam competition.

This nationwide competition is an opportunity to encourage students to learn more about the three branches of government by telling a story or demonstrating a policy or law that affected them or their community.

Angelee and her project, 'Should Space Exploration and Travel be Publicly Funded?', was picked out of 2,280 entries nationwide and 5,000 participants.

Congratulations to Angelee on this tremendous accomplishment and well-deserved prize. Thank you for your interest and participation in our community, and I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, last week, on April 21–23, I missed Roll Call votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "YEA" on #162, 163, 164, 167, 170, 171, and 173. I would have voted "NAY" on #165, 166, 168, 169, and 172.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, April 21; Wednesday, April 22; and Thursday, April 23, 2015, I was out on medical leave while recovering from surgery and unable to be present for recorded votes. Had I been present, I would have voted:

"Yes" on roll call vote No. 162 (on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Con. Res. 25),

"No" on roll call vote No. 163 (on ordering the previous question on H. Res. 212),

"No" on roll call vote No. 164 (on agreeing to the resolution H. Res. 212),

"Yes" on roll call vote No. 165 (on agreeing to the Kuster Amendment to H.R. 1195),

"Yes" on roll call vote No. 166 (on the motion to recommit H.R. 1195, with instructions),

"No" on roll call vote No. 167 (on passage of H.R. 1195),

"Yes" on roll call vote No. 168 (on agreeing to the Mulvaney Amendment to H.R. 1560),

"Yes" on roll call vote No. 169 (on the motion to recommit H.R. 1560, with instructions),

"Yes" on roll call vote No. 170 (on passage of H.R. 1560),

"Yes" on roll call vote No. 171 (on agreeing to the Jackson Lee Amendment to H.R. 1731),

"Yes" on roll call vote No. 172 (on the motion to recommit H.R. 1731, with instructions), and

"Yes" on roll call vote No. 173 (on passage of H.R. 1731).

KASANDRA PETERS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Kasandra Peters for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Kasandra Peters is a 10th grader at Pomona High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Kasandra Peters is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Kasandra Peters for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

IN RECOGNITION OF WILLIAM A. NACK

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor William A. Nack for a life and career dedicated to hard work, justice and integrity. Bill Nack recently retired as the head of the Building and Construction Trades Council of San Mateo County, AFL-CIO after a long and successful career in union construction.

Bill left his mark all over the San Francisco Peninsula. Even people who don't know him see the results of his work every day. Some of the most prominent buildings in the county were developed during his tenure, including SFO, Mills Peninsula Hospital, Sequoia Hospital, Palo Alto Medical Center, Bay Meadows, San Mateo Public Library, San Mateo Union High School District, San Mateo Community College District, Millbrae BART Transit Village, Crossings in San Bruno, Redwood City Redevelopment, Brisbane Baylands Development, Genentech, Gilead and Facebook.

Even this breathtaking list is not complete. Bill negotiated a total of 45 Project Labor Agreements and Letters of Commitment representing more than \$16 billion of construction projects. For the last 16 years, he worked with developers, environmentalists, contractors and neighborhood groups advocating for environmentally responsible projects, good union wages and safe working conditions.

Bill was born in St. Louis, raised in San Francisco, and has lived on the Peninsula for the last 50 years. In 1966, he was hired by

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United Airlines as an Aircraft Jet Engine Mechanic in Journeyman status. The following year he started his service in the U.S. Naval Reserve which he continued for six years, ably serving his country. While working for United, he earned an Associate Degree in Aeronautics and began his remarkable union career with Machinist Local Lodge 1781. He was the Union Shop Steward for 15 years fighting for the rights of his coworkers. He was elected to the Local's Executive Board, IAM Legislative Committee, and the Building Corporation. Bill was one of the people who founded a highly effective coalition between the machinists, flight attendants and pilots.

In 1987, Bill became the Assistant Business Manager for the Santa Clara and San Benito counties Central Labor Council. He developed and implemented a public policy program for 100 affiliated unions.

In 1989, he became Deputy Executive Officer for the Santa Clara and San Benito Building and Construction Trades Council where he was responsible for public policy, corporate research, and the monitoring of construction contractors and projects. Within a year, he was tapped for the top position at the Building and Construction Trades Council of San Mateo County and became Business Manager/Executive Officer. He was ideally qualified to advocate for environmentally and socially responsible projects utilizing top-quality labor, materials and construction methods. He led a vibrant council of 26 unions and 14,000 justifiably proud, middle-class workers.

In addition to his impressive achievements at the council, Bill is a man of enormous compassion and empathy, a fact demonstrated by his extensive community engagement. He serves on a long list of boards, including the Boy Scouts of America, United Way, Rebuilding Together, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District Advisory Council, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission Advisory Council, and the San Mateo County Housing Leadership Council. Bill is passionate about housing people, recognizing that the dignity of a person is nurtured by housing. It is sometimes said of a generous person that he would give someone the shirt off his back. Bill Nack has likely done that many times, and in addition he's directly and indirectly helped to place a roof over the heads of tens of thousands of people.

Bill was also appointed by the Governor to the Bay Conservation and Development Commission and to the Board of Directors of the Cow Palace.

As you may surmise from the diversity of issues that Bill is engaged in, he cares deeply about helping others and improving the quality of life for everyone. I can say without hesitation that his heart is in the right place and he gives of himself generously and freely. He is a devoted husband to Rayna Lehman, another great labor leader in San Mateo County. They raised two wonderful sons, Patrick and Benjamin, their most important life achievements.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me to honor my friend and colleague of over 30 years William A. Nack on the occasion of his retirement as the leader of the Building and Construction Trades Council of San Mateo County. He leaves behind an impressive legacy of construction projects, compassion, and a ready smile that welcomes every honest man or woman to work with him in pursuit of a better America.

FBISS SECONDARY TEACHER OF
THE YEAR

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Stacy Vinson of Baines Middle School on being named Fort Bend Independent School District's 2015 Secondary Teacher of the Year.

Ms. Vinson has been a teacher for the past eight years. She is committed to helping her students find their passion and believes a keen interest in a subject leads to success in the classroom. Beyond the classroom, she takes interest in her students' lives and teaches them that no matter their circumstances, they have the power to create a fruitful future for themselves. I wish Ms. Vinson the best of luck in her teaching career and am thankful for teachers like her that truly have a passion for her students and profession. Great teachers help develop future leaders.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, I congratulate Stacy Vinson for her commitment to teaching and for earning the Fort Bend ISD 2015 Secondary Teacher of the Year.

PAUL PROUTY

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Paul Prouty for his accomplishments and distinguished career with the General Services Administration (GSA).

Paul began his 42-year career with the GSA in 1971 as a real estate intern and has since risen through the organization to become one of the most respected leaders. Paul's accomplishments include providing key strategic direction regarding design, construction, management and maintenance of federal and leased properties, including 18 million square feet of office, laboratory and warehouse space.

A key property in his portfolio is the Denver Federal Center located in Lakewood, Colorado—one of the largest concentrations of federal real estate property outside Washington D.C. Paul's vision for a more inclusive federal community led to major changes at the Denver Federal Center. Through Paul's leadership, the Denver Federal Center evolved into one of the most exciting campuses in the Denver metro area. The campus hosts the new St. Anthony's hospital, intermodal transportation hub and a focus on the campus becoming a sustainable federal and community center.

I extend my deepest congratulations on your retirement from federal service. Thank you for your dedication to our community.

IN HONOR OF RONALD HERBERT
PORTER

HON. NORMA J. TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Mrs. TORRES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ronald H. Porter of Pomona, California, who passed away peacefully on April 18, 2015, at the age of 82.

Ron served in the United States Army from 1955 to 1957. He graduated from Claremont Men's College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration, and was a successful businessman with real estate offices in Upland, Rancho Cucamonga, Ontario, and Pomona.

An active member of St. Joseph's Church in Pomona, he served as the President of the Legion of Mary. As a devout Catholic, Ron could always be depended upon to help those in need and assist the Church in its efforts to serve the community.

A former lifeguard, long distance cyclist, and golfer, Ron would regularly visit nursing homes to take residents out for lunch in Pomona. He could often be spotted at the deli spending time with those in need of companionship and a friend.

Ron had a great sense of humor, and was always positive. He will be deeply missed by his beloved wife Barbara, daughter Marie Royce and son-in-law Edward, son David Porter and daughter-in-law Samantha, daughter Sheila Taylor and son-in-law Daniel, and son Sean Porter. He will also be deeply missed by his grandchildren, Laurel, Charlie, and Sean.

HONORING MAKENNA SCHWAB

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Mr. REICHERT. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor a young girl, only 12 years old, who went above and beyond the call of duty for public service. Makenna Schwab, from East Wenatchee, Washington, set out to make a difference in her community by collecting toys and donations for kids at Seattle Children's Hospital. Last October, with the help of her friends at Wenatchee Pediatric Dentistry, she collected enough donations for 33 Radio Flyer wagons, 36 portable DVD players, and more than 1,300 toys and other goods for young boys and girls courageously battling disease at Seattle Children's.

Even more remarkable, Makenna was born with Larsen syndrome, a rare connective tissue disorder, and is a frequent patient herself at Seattle Children's Hospital. It was this experience that inspired her to want to give back to other kids going through similar experiences, and she did not let her disease stand in her way. This is Makenna's third Make a Difference Day campaign, and she is proving that one 12 year-old girl can make a lasting impact on the lives of her friends, family, and community members. On May 6th, Makenna will be recognized in Washington, D.C., as a National Make a Difference Day award recipient. She will receive a \$10,000 grant to further enable her passion for public service and

charitable work. Makenna's selfless actions and commitment to public service is an inspiration to all of us, and for that we honor her.

ETHAN CRANSTON

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Ethan Cranston for earning third place in the C-SPAN StudentCam competition.

This nationwide competition is an opportunity to encourage students to learn more about the three branches of government by telling a story or demonstrating a policy or law that affected them or their community. Ethan and his project, 'Marijuana in Colorado—The Road to Ruin or Reward', was picked out of 2,280 entries nationwide and 5,000 participants.

Congratulations to Ethan on this tremendous accomplishment and well-deserved prize. Thank you for your interest and participation in our community, and I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ERWIN GAINES

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of Erwin Gaines—father, husband, grandfather, businessman and inventor—who passed away on April 12, 2015, at the age of 79.

Born in Chicago, Illinois, Erwin was a graduate of Von Steuben High School where he was a star soccer player. He went on to serve in the United States Army in Europe and after receiving an Honorable Discharge, he moved to Los Angeles, California. He was a businessman and inventor who received numerous patents for medical supply products. During his business career he worked internationally in Mexico, China and throughout Europe. Erwin volunteered in the community serving as a coach and as President of the Victory National Little League.

Erwin was an avid fisherman and a Los Angeles Rod & Reel Club Knot Tying Champion. He was a devoted fan of the Los Angeles Dodgers and longtime season ticket holder. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Arlene, his sons, Calabasas City Councilmember Fred Gaines and Jeffrey Gaines, his daughters-in-law, Las Virgenes Unified School District Board Member Jill Gaines and Vivian Gaines, and his five granddaughters.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Erwin Gaines.

OUTSTANDING LEADER

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Julie Diaz for being named the

new principal of Travis High School in Richmond, TX by the Fort Bend Independent School District (FBISD).

After completing her education at the University of Houston and the University of Iowa, Principal Diaz began her 30 year career as an elementary school teacher. She has worked with FBISD for the past 23 years. Her exemplary efforts have led to her two nominations as a campus Teacher of the Year, and also as a District Elementary Teacher of the year finalist. Our community is lucky to have outstanding educators like Principal Diaz.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Julie Diaz on being named the new principal of Travis High School. We know that you will continue to be an outstanding leader, and we wish you the best of luck at Travis High School.

ALEXA VANSCHAARDENBURG

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Alexa VanSchaardenburg for earning third place in the C-SPAN StudentCam competition.

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Congratulations to Alexa on this tremendous accomplishment and well-deserved prize. Thank you for your interest and participation in our community, and I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, I was absent for the vote on H.R. 373 but had I been present, I would have voted "yes." The Good Samaritan Search and Recovery Act would allow volunteer search groups faster access to public lands to conduct searches for missing persons. This legislation will help first responders as well as victims and families in difficult situations and I support its enactment.

I was absent for the vote on H.R. 1324 but had I been present, I would have voted "yes." The Arapaho National Forest Boundary Adjustment Act of 2015 will adjust the boundary of the Arapaho National Forest in Colorado to incorporate additional land.

HONORING EL DÍA DE LOS NIÑOS

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Aurora Hispanic Heritage Advisory Board's el Día de los Niños festival.

Since 1925, Día del niño, or the Day of the Child, has been celebrated throughout Latin America. In 2001, the City of Aurora's Hispanic Heritage Advisory Board started the annual tradition of celebrating el Día de los Niños, a festival recognizing children and their importance in society.

The Aurora Hispanic Heritage Advisory Board, along with local school districts, uses the festival to promote learning among children through literacy programs, educational activities, and live entertainment. El Día de los Niños is a celebration of our community's diverse heritage, as well as a celebration of the bright future that lies ahead for these children.

I would like to thank the Aurora Hispanic Heritage Advisory Board for their commitment to promoting literacy for children and diversity in our community through el Día de los Niños.

JAKE FETTIG

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jake Fettig on his honorable mention in the C-SPAN StudentCam competition.

This nationwide competition is an opportunity to encourage students to learn more about the three branches of government by telling a story or demonstrating a policy or law that affected them or their community. Jake and his project, 'Should Space Exploration and Travel be Publicly Funded?', was picked out of 2,280 entries nationwide and 5,000 participants.

Congratulations to Jake on this tremendous accomplishment and well-deserved prize. Thank you for your interest and participation in our community, and I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF SAN MATEO PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the 90th anniversary of San Mateo Park Elementary School, the oldest continuing elementary school in the San Mateo-Foster City School District.

Park School has educated over 20,000 students and serves a diverse student body. The school community can only be characterized as open, enriching and striving for excellence. The comprehensive curriculum aims at supporting each student to reach his or her fullest potential.

All students, those with exceptional abilities to those with exceptional needs, are prepared to become responsible, ethical citizens and leaders of the future. They are taught to develop critical and creative thinking, problem solving and good communication in a safe environment that encourages risk taking and self-reliance.

To create such an environment, Park School relies on very talented and dedicated teachers and staff. Teachers are fully credentialed and many of them bring more than 10 years of experience to the classroom. Some of them hold advanced degrees in music, special education, administration or counseling. They speak multiple languages and have interests ranging from scuba diving to gardening. Staff members are trained in CELDT, Early Literacy Training, NOYCE training, Math Lesson Study and Art. Put succinctly, the staff is as diverse and interesting as the student body, a perfect dynamic to build an environment that fosters a love of life-long learning and a deep sense of community.

Park School has led the school district in initiatives that support literary skills for below-level readers through its Panther Reading program. The program was created by teachers and parents in 2013. It was so successful that the district quickly embraced it and rolled it out to other schools.

Park School had modest beginnings. It started out as a firehouse on the corner of Clark Drive and Crescent Avenue that was remodeled into a two-room school in 1925. The small school soon couldn't meet demands and a new school with five classrooms and an auditorium was built and opened for 150 students in April 1929. Within a year, a cafeteria was added, a playground installed, a library organized and more land was purchased for additional expansion. In 1966, plans were made for a new school to be built on Clark and Crescent, the location where Park School remains to this day. The new school had a pod arrangement with the library in the center and rooms for individual, group and total class instruction around it. It opened in 1969. Everyone at Park School will tell you that change is constant. Over the years, a computer lab, a speech therapy room and a school child care were added. A large group instruction building opened in 1999 offering students a place for performing arts, physical education and leadership skills. The physical landscape of Park School continues to change and adapt, always keeping a focus on providing the most excellent education opportunities for the students.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that the House of Representatives rise with me to recognize the great and lasting contributions that a small elementary school in San Mateo, California has made to the community. Park School has given thousands of children the foundation for successful careers and lives as responsible and productive citizens. Park School is a shining example of what a school can be.

IMPRESSIVE LIST OF VICTORIES

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the outstanding members of the

CRyptonite Robotics Team 624 of Cinco Ranch High School on their victory at the highly-competitive Utah Regional Robotics Tournament.

The students worked together with faculty and other local mentors to design and construct a robot prototype. The machine was then tailored to accomplish specific tasks in a game during the competition. CRyptonite's robot performed flawlessly, and also won the Dallas Regional's Imagery Award, which honors outstanding visual aesthetic integration of the robot's overall engineering and the team's appearance. This exceptional team is adding yet another banner to an already impressive list of victories.

On behalf of the residents of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to the CRyptonite Robotics Team 624 of Cinco Ranch High School on their victory at the Utah Regional Robotics Tournament. We know that you will continue to amaze us at the world championship, and we wish you the best of luck in the future.

OLIVIA BOHL

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Olivia Bohl on her honorable mention in the C-SPAN StudentCam competition.

This nationwide competition is an opportunity to encourage students to learn more about the three branches of government by telling a story or demonstrating a policy or law that affected them or their community. Olivia and her project, 'Should Space Exploration and Travel be Publicly Funded?', was picked out of 2,280 entries nationwide and 5,000 participants.

Congratulations to Olivia on this tremendous accomplishment and well-deserved prize. Thank you for your interest and participation in our community, and I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF JACOB MILLER'S TRUMAN SCHOLARSHIP

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and offer my personal congratulations to Jacob Miller, the first UMass Dartmouth student to be named as a Truman Scholar.

Founded by Congress in 1975, the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation provides scholarships to college juniors who demonstrate outstanding potential and who plan to pursue a career in public service.

A Fairhaven resident and a dual political science and English major, he will receive \$30,000 towards graduate school and the opportunity to prepare for a career in public service.

It comes as no surprise that Jacob has earned this distinction considering he has cho-

sen to spend his time giving back—from helping create a cultural district in downtown New Bedford to effectively advocating for lower health care costs for students.

Known for his civic engagement and service at UMass Dartmouth, he has worked on small business creation, workforce development programs, and registering hundreds to vote. He also serves as a student representative to the UMass Board of Trustees.

As someone who got his start in the Massachusetts State House at a young age, Jacob embodies what our country needs in its future leaders.

On behalf of Massachusetts' 9th Congressional District, I congratulate Jacob Miller. I look forward to seeing all that he accomplishes and I wish him all the very best in his future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. YVETTE D. CLARKE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Ms. CLARKE of New York. Mr. Speaker, on April 28, 2015, I was unavoidably detained in my district and missed recorded votes #174–175. Had I been present, on Roll Call #174, H.R. 373—Good Samaritan Search and Recovery Act, I would have voted YEA, and on Roll Call #175, H.R. 1324—Arapaho National Forest Boundary Adjustment Act of 2015, I would have voted YEA.

RECOGNIZING AMBASSADOR WILLIAM GREEN MILLER

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a loyal patriot and statesman, Ambassador William Green Miller, for his longtime work and commitment to building a strong and resilient US-Ukraine relationship. This week, Ambassador Miller will be receiving the Alexander B. Chernyk Medal for outstanding leadership and deep commitment to US-Ukraine affairs, presented by my constituents in the Greater Philadelphia Area. As the Co-Chair of the Congressional Ukrainian Caucus, I would like to thank Ambassador Miller for his many years of service and dedication to this cause.

With an education from Williams College, Oxford and Harvard, Ambassador Miller entered the Foreign Service in 1959, serving five years in Iran before transitioning back to Washington as a line officer and in the office of Secretary of State Dean Rusk. In the years to follow, he served as a foreign policy and defense adviser to Senator John Sherman Cooper, and held the position of Associate Dean and Professor of International Politics of the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University. In 1986, Ambassador Miller returned to Washington as President of the American Committee on United States-Soviet Relations, where his position admitted him to travel frequently throughout the Soviet Union, obtaining direct knowledge of the monumental changes taking place in the region.

Between 1993 and 1998, Mr. Miller served as United States Ambassador to Ukraine under President Bill Clinton. As Ambassador, he was a supporter and witness to some of the most fundamental transformations of the Ukrainian State, including the ratification of Ukraine's Constitution. To this day, Ambassador Miller still promotes peace and stability in Ukraine through his work as a Senior Public Policy Scholar at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.

On behalf of my colleagues on the Caucus, I want to thank Ambassador William Green Miller for his lifetime of international diplomatic accomplishments, and his help in forging the steadfast US-Ukraine relationship that has lasted and will continue to last for decades to come.

DENVER REGIONAL
TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Denver's Regional Transportation District (RTD) and the many cities around the country that participated in Stand Up 4 Transportation Day this past April 9th.

In Denver, nearly 400 people came out to support the many forms of public transportation around Colorado, ranging from buses, shuttles, vans, bicycles, cabs, car services, pedicabs, light rail and rail. More than 350 organizations in U.S. cities and towns participated in the event. Stand Up 4 Transportation Day succeeded in raising awareness about the importance of public transportation and a long-term, sustainable transportation authorization bill.

Stand up 4 Transportation Day was a brainchild of former General Manager and CEO of RTD, Phil Washington. During his time with RTD, he always pushed for surface transportation reauthorization for the future. In Phil's own words, "It's time to do some nation building. But the funding is key to more access to transit, new buses and trains, more reliable service, less gridlock. We can't meet the demands of our growing population and economy without a long-term commitment from Washington."

I applaud Phil and Denver's RTD for their efforts in the Denver metro area. Our communities are more connected and our quality of life is better for it.

THE EARTHQUAKE OF APRIL 25,
2015, THAT DEVASTATED NEPAL

HON. RICK LARSEN

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my heartfelt condolences and full support for assistance to the people of Nepal and all of those affected by the devastating earthquake of April 25, 2015, and its aftermath. The massive magnitude-7.8 earthquake, which struck about 77 kilometers north-

west of Nepal's capital city, Kathmandu, was the most powerful to hit Nepal in more than 80 years. Almost 5,000 deaths have been accounted for and, as I read this line, it is possible that this number has gone up.

The United Nations estimates that the tragedy has affected more than 8 million people and left more than 1.4 million people in need of food assistance. This earthquake has also destroyed many historical and architectural structures important to the culture of Nepal.

So I ask my fellow members to join me in mourning with the people of Nepal and all communities in other countries affected by the tragic loss of life. I also want to commend the efforts of first responders, relief agencies, private citizens, Nepal's neighboring countries, and the international community.

I want to thank our administration for its quick response to help our friends in Nepal. I urge Congress and our administration to continue our efforts in helping Nepal during this tragic time.

HONORING JUSTICE LIVELY

HON. SUZAN K. DeBENE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Ms. DeBENE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Justice Lively, who on March 25, 2015, received the Washington Boys & Girls Club Youth of the Year Award. Justice was honored for his achievements in overcoming a tumultuous childhood and serving as a leader in his community.

The Youth of the Year Award has been the highest award attainable by the national Boys & Girls Club since 1947. Justice previously received the Skagit County Boys & Girls Club Youth of the Year Award.

Justice's upbringing was filled with far greater challenges than any child should face. As a young boy, with his father deployed in the U.S. Army and his mother frequently absent, Justice was cared for by his oldest brother. When his father returned, Justice was brought into a new home with an abusive stepmother. Just as his mother began to get her life back together, she was killed in a car accident when Justice was only seven years old.

When he was 10, Justice's life finally took a turn for the better. He was adopted by his aunt and uncle and was brought to Mt. Vernon, where he later joined the local Boys & Girls Club. Today, Justice is a leader at the club, focused on helping children. He frequently reads books to the club's younger children as part of a class on early childhood development.

As he prepares to graduate from high school, Justice intends to attend the Cascade Job Corps, Skagit Valley College and Western Washington University in pursuit of his goal of becoming a pediatric nurse at Seattle Children's hospital.

I want to congratulate Justice Lively on this achievement, as well as his work with the Skagit County Boys & Girls Club. I wish him the best as he pursues his dream of helping children.

HONORING EATONVILLE, WASHINGTON TOWN MARSHAL DOLAR LAPLANT

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Mr. REICHERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Eatonville, Washington Town Marshal Dolar LaPlant who was killed in 1925 and his daughter and great-granddaughter who fought to see him recognized for his heroic sacrifice. In 1925, Mr. LaPlant was 53 years old and a Spanish-American War veteran. While on duty as Town Marshal, just four days after stepping into that position, he confronted a drunken gunman who was firing shots and narrowly missing small children at a playground. Mr. LaPlant did not stop to think about his own life or the fact that he was unarmed. He simply did everything in his power to ensure that his town was kept safe. The gunman shot Mr. LaPlant just below his right ear before he was knocked unconscious. Mr. LaPlant achieved his mission but would later die from the wound he received.

For many years, his heroic actions went unremembered except by his family, particularly his daughter Rosa and his great-granddaughter Ronda. In 1999, Ronda succeeded in having Dolar LaPlant added to the National Law Enforcement Memorial Wall and now her great-grandfather and his legacy will be honored posthumously with the Washington Medal of Honor on May 9th. I applaud Ronda's hard work and join with her in honoring the memory of Town Marshal Dolar LaPlant whose service ensured the safety of the residents of Eatonville, Washington.

POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Officer Osiel De La Cruz for being recognized as the Pearland Officer of the Year by both the Texas Louisiana Gulf District and the Exchange Club of Pearland.

Officer De La Cruz was a natural choice for this award thanks to his hard work in the community, service to the public and heroic actions. Officer De La Cruz is a veteran of the department and a nightshift patrol officer. His commitment to our community is evident through his work both on and off duty. Officer De La Cruz made over 53 DWI and drug-related arrests this year, found a shooting victim and apprehended five offenders, and even managed to apprehend a robbery suspect while he was off-duty. His list of accomplishments speaks for itself. We can all sleep better at night knowing that police officers like Officer De La Cruz are on patrol.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Officer Osiel De La Cruz on being honored as the Pearland Officer of the Year. Thank you for your dedication to keeping our communities safe.

HONORING THE LUMMI NATION
SCHOOL BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. SUZAN K. DELBENE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Ms. DELBENE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 2014–2015 Lummi Nation School boys' basketball team. This year, Lummi put together a perfect 27–0 season, beating rival Neah Bay 54–33 in the Class 1B state championship game. I congratulate them on this exemplary achievement.

The title game was the first time two Native American teams faced off for a state championship in Washington, and the Blackhawks' victory was the first time a Native team has won the boys' 1B championship.

Along with the team's historic victory, four Lummi players also earned individual honors. Sophomore forward Trazil Lane was selected as the Associated Press (AP) Class 1B State Player of the Year after averaging 18.2 points per game. He was also selected as the Northwest League's (NWL's) Most Valuable Player.

Senior guard Austin Brookie averaged 14.2 points per game and was an AP all-state honorable mention and a first-team all-NWL selection. Senior Dino Williams was a first-team all-NWL selection, and senior Kavarez Lane was a second-team all-NWL selection. Lane was also chosen to play in the Washington Interscholastic Basketball Coaches Association's (WIBCA's) all-state game. Finally, Coach Jerome Toby was selected as the WIBCA Coach of the Year.

The Blackhawks displayed a great deal of character and determination this season. Their success resulted from their hard work and ability to play unselfishly for their teammates.

Again, I congratulate the Lummi boys' basketball team on all of their success. Their accomplishments on the court this season are hard-earned and well-deserved.

IN MEMORY OF JOHN PIERCE
CALHOUN

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, the following obituary was published April 5, 2015, in The Charlotte Observer.

JOHN PIERCE CALHOUN

CHARLOTTE.—John Pierce Calhoun (Jack) of Charlotte, North Carolina, died peacefully surrounded by his children on Wednesday, April 1, 2015. He was born in Ninety-Six, South Carolina, on November 18, 1926, the son of Alleyne Griffin Calhoun and John Nathaniel Calhoun. Mr. Calhoun spent his childhood years in Greenwood and Batesburg, South Carolina, before moving to Sumter, South Carolina, where he graduated from Edmonds High School in 1944. After a year at Clemson University, he served in the US Army for 26 months, during which time he attended Rutgers University in New Brunswick, New Jersey, in the US Army specialized training program. He was discharged from the Army in June 1946, returning to Clemson University where he received a BS degree in Civil Engineering in 1948. During his business career, he graduated from the

Advanced Management Program at Harvard University. Mr. Calhoun married Paula Frederick Whitaker of Kinston, North Carolina, on June 26, 1954. Employed by Rexnord Inc. of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, he held company positions in various locations throughout the United States. He moved to Milwaukee in 1974, serving in management, and became Chairman and CEO of Rexnord Inc. After 35 years with the company, he retired in 1990. Over his career, Mr. Calhoun served on church, bank, and civic boards and industry associations. Upon moving to Charlotte after retirement, Mr. Calhoun became a member of Myers Park United Methodist Church and an associate member of Blowing Rock Methodist Church in Blowing Rock, North Carolina. He was a member of Charlotte Country Club, Piedmont Club of Charlotte, The Alotian Club, and Blowing Rock Country Club. Mr. Calhoun enjoyed golf, fishing, travel, and was an avid reader. Mr. Calhoun cherished every opportunity to be with his family and eight grandchildren who adored their "Poppy." He was a devoted and loving husband, father, father-in-law, and grandfather. His strong work ethic, integrity and faith in God were his guiding principles. He had a wonderful ability to connect with people through his contagious sense of humor, wit, and kindness. He was a consummate gentleman with a perpetual twinkle in his eye. Mr. Calhoun brought happiness to all who knew and loved him, and he will remain an example in living for his family. His greatest legacy is the love and bond his family shares with one another. He is survived by daughter Paula Calhoun Ruffin and husband Dalton Dillard Ruffin, Jr. of Charlotte; Harriet Calhoun Stephens and husband Warren Amerine Stephens of Little Rock, Arkansas; and son John Nathaniel Calhoun II and wife Ansley Bost Calhoun of Charlotte. His grandchildren are Sarah Dickson Bourgeois and husband John Rion Bourgeois, Rebecca Stuart Dickson, Lydia Dillard Ruffin, Warren Miles Amerine Stephens, John Calhoun Stephens, Laura Whitaker Stephens, William Coulter Calhoun, and John Pierce Calhoun II. He is also survived by many beloved nieces and nephews. Mr. Calhoun was predeceased by his parents, his wife and the love of his life for fifty-nine years, Paula Whitaker Calhoun, sister Miriam Cook McCrae of Rock Hill, South Carolina, and brother Charles Cooper Calhoun of Seabrook Island, South Carolina. A memorial service will be held at Myers Park United Methodist Church at 11:00 am on Wednesday, April 8, 2015. Interment will be private. A visitation will also be held at the home of John and Ansley Calhoun, 531 Colville Road, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Tuesday, April 7, 2015. The family would like to thank Steffeny Harris for her care of and devotion to Mr. Calhoun and his family. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Myers Park United Methodist Church, designated for The St. Luke's Fund, 1501 Queens Road, Charlotte, North Carolina 28207; Blowing Rock Methodist Church, P.O. Box 352, Blowing Rock, North Carolina 28605; The Salvation Army Center of Hope, 534 Spratt Street, Charlotte, North Carolina 28206; and Crises Assistance Ministries, 500 Spratt Street, Charlotte, North Carolina 28206. Robertson Funeral & Cremation Service is serving the family.

IN RECOGNITION OF MRS. JACKI
LOWE

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor and pleasure to extend my personal congratulations and best wishes to an exceptional business leader and outstanding citizen, Mrs. Jacki Lowe, on the occasion of her retirement from Georgia Power on April 1, 2015.

Mrs. Lowe has served as West Region Vice President of Georgia Power since 2005 but her career with Southern Company, which owns and operates Georgia Power, began more than forty years ago in 1974. A familiar face and name at Southern Company, she excelled in her many roles, which included Compensation Manager at Georgia Power as well as Benefits Manager, Compensation and Benefits Manager, Land Manager, and Assistant to the President at Alabama Power. She also served as Vice President and Regional Chief Information Officer for Alabama Power, Southern Company Services and Southern Nuclear in Birmingham. Before being appointed West Region Vice President, she served as Vice President of Supply Chain Management for Southern Company and Georgia Power.

As a female executive in the fourth largest utility company in the United States, Mrs. Lowe has in many ways broken through the glass ceiling in this male-dominated industry. Not only has her leadership set an example for other women, but she has also reached out and mentored many employees in order to help them reach their goals and objectives.

Mrs. Lowe holds a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Georgia State University and a Master of Business Administration degree from Samford University in Birmingham. In addition to going above and beyond in her career, Mrs. Lowe has proven to be an exceptional member of her community. She serves on the boards of the Columbus Technical College Foundation, Columbus Regional Medical Foundation, Goodwill Industries of the Southern Rivers, Inc., Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia, and the National Infantry Museum. She also serves on the Executive Committee of the Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce and presided as the Board Chair in 2013. In 2011, she chaired the Intercity Leadership Conference and the Diversity Conference and was honored with the Volunteer of the Year Award. She also is a past chair of the Valley Partnership Joint Development Authority and the Columbus Economic Development Committee, as well as a past board member of the United Way of Chattahoochee Valley and the Muscogee Educational Excellence Foundation.

Dr. Benjamin E. Mays often said: "You make your living by what you get; you make your life by what you give." Not only has Mrs. Lowe established a legacy for women in the workplace at Southern Company, but she has also done a tremendous job of giving back to the great city of Columbus, and I am very grateful for her tireless advocacy to make the community stronger. A woman of great integrity, her efforts, her dedication, and her expertise in her field are unparalleled, but her heart for helping others is what makes these qualities truly worthy.

Mrs. Lowe has accomplished much in her life but none of it would be possible without the love and support of her two sons, Matt and Jeremy, and her grandchildren, Gaines, Libby, Samuel, Carter, and Hudson.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our sincerest appreciation and best wishes to Mrs. Jacki Lowe upon the occasion of her retirement from an outstanding career spanning over four decades with Southern Company.

HONORING DEAN JOHN CHARLES
(JACK) BOGER

HON. DAVID E. PRICE
OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dean Jack Boger, the 13th Dean of the University of North Carolina School of Law, who will step down in June after nine years as Dean.

Dean Boger is a native of Concord, North Carolina and a graduate of Duke University, Yale University, and the UNC School of Law. After completing law school at UNC in 1974, he clerked with the Honorable Samuel Silverman of the New York Supreme Court Appellate Division and practiced for three years in the litigation department of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison in New York City.

In 1978, Boger joined the staff of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, where he litigated capital punishment cases for a decade, becoming the director of the Fund's Capital Punishment Project in 1983 and a new poverty and justice program in 1987.

Boger became a member of the UNC School of Law faculty in 1990, going on to teach courses in constitutional law, education law, racial discrimination, and poverty law. In 2002, he became Deputy Director of the UNC Center for Civil Rights, working with Director Julius L. Chambers to encourage innovative civil rights research, train a new generation of civil rights attorneys, and address pressing civil rights issues in North Carolina and throughout the Southeast. In addition to his service at UNC, he has taught as a lecturer or adjunct professor at Harvard, New York Law School, and Florida State University.

In 2006, Boger became the UNC School of Law's 13th dean. His deanship has provided a steady hand and a strategic vision for the school during one of the more trying times in the history of legal education.

Dean Boger recently wrote that he has always understood the real meaning of the "Carolina Way" to be the unfaltering faith that light and truth, set free without fear or favor in a university setting, will eventually provide keys to meeting the deepest human needs. During his time as Dean, he has exemplified this understanding of the "Carolina Way" as well as the motto of the University of North Carolina: *Esse Quam Videri*, to be rather than to seem.

Thank you, Dean Boger, for your service as Dean of the University of North Carolina School of Law. On behalf of my colleagues in North Carolina's congressional delegation, I wish you good luck and Godspeed in all your future endeavors.

HONORING ADAM S.J. BATTLES

HON. SAM GRAVES
OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Adam S.J. Battles. Adam 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 360, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Adam has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Adam 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, Adam has earned the rank of Tom-Tom Beater in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say and became a Member of the Order of the Arrow. Adam has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Adam built eight wooden benches for parents and spectators to sit on while watching events at the Northland Therapeutic Riding Center in Holt, Missouri.

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

EXEMPLARY SPORTSMANSHIP

HON. PETE OLSON
OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the outstanding members of the TIRR Memorial Hermann Hotwheels team on their victory at the National Wheelchair Basketball junior championship.

The team worked together with their dedicated coach to represent Texas and the Memorial Hermann Hotwheels competitively. The hard-working members of Hotwheels have demonstrated immense dedication to their team and each other, and exemplary sportsmanship and skill in wheelchair basketball.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to the Hotwheels on their hard-won victory at the National Wheelchair Basketball junior championship. Your dedication and commitment are a continued inspiration to us all. Best of luck in the future.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF
THOMAS L. ROTELLA, JR.

HON. JIM COSTA
OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the career and retirement of Thomas L. Rotella, Jr. for his outstanding years of service in the Central Valley. Tom's 43 years of dedication and achievements deserves to be commended.

Tom's contributions to Fresno County began in his high school years while attending Roo-

sevelt High School. During this time, Tom was elected into Youth Council of the Fresno City Economic Opportunities Commission. After a year, Mayor Ted Wills appointed him as Chairperson for the Fresno City Youth Commission; which he served as for two years from 1973 to 1975. Tom also sat on the Fresno Community Development Commission for three years from 1973 to 1976.

Tom graduated from Roosevelt High School in 1974 and began attending evening classes at Fresno City College and throughout his educational lifetime, received 900 Hours of Labor Training at the William W. Winipisinger Educations and Technology Center. In 1976, he set foot on the path of his career by becoming a lot boy for Mid-Cal Ford Truck. Shortly afterward, he was given the opportunity of the Apprenticeship Program. In 1984, Tom completed the program as a Journeyman Mechanic and obtained three Masters in National Automotive Service of Excellence for Heavy Duty, Light Duty, and Automotive. He earned the position of Union Shop Steward, and was titled Assistant Service Manager for his last three years at Mid-Cal Ford Truck. He also held a California Smog License, as well as Brake, Lamp, and Air Conditioning Licenses.

In 1976, he joined the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAMAW). During his years with IAMAW, Tom's accomplishments included becoming the Recording Secretary for IAMAW Local 1309 and Vice-President of IAMAW District 87. Since 1990, Tom has served for twenty-five years as a Business Representative and President/Directing Business Representative for IAMAW Local 653 and Business Representative for IAMAW District 190, and has been the President of the California Conference of Machinists for the past fifteen years. TOM also participated as the Lead Negotiator in coordinating bargaining for the Building Trades with Fresno Unified School District as well as coordinating bargaining with Sun-Maid Growers for the International Association of Machinists, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, and the International Union of Operating Engineers.

In addition to his already lengthy resume, Tom has partook with the Machinists Non-Partisan Political League Planning Committee and was the past Vice President and current delegate to the Fresno, Madera, Tulare and Kings Counties Central Labor Council. He served on the Civil Service Commission for Fresno County for nine years as a Business Representative, and the Automotive and Machinists Joint Apprenticeship Committee for thirty years since completing his apprenticeship in 1984, serving as Chairman of the committee for the last twenty-five years. As a part of the Apprenticeship Committee, Tom was a participant and an asset to the Trade Advisory Council for Chowchilla Women's Facility, Corcoran's Men Facility and Tehachapi Prison.

Tom has been happily married for thirty-six years to his wife, Barbara, and has been the proud father of three daughters and grandfather of five grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect that I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the exemplary career of Thomas Rotella Jr., and to wish him the best of luck and satisfaction in his retirement and future endeavors.

HONORING ALEX ARGYLE

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Alex Argyle. Alex 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 125, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Alex has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Alex 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, Alex has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

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

IN RECOGNITION OF WILLIAM G. DRESSEL, JR.

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of William G. Dressel, Jr. as he prepares to retire as Executive Director of the New Jersey State League of Municipalities this year. Mr. Dressel has dedicated 41 years to the League and his achievements are to be celebrated.

Joining the New Jersey State League of Municipalities staff in 1974, Mr. Dressel held various positions in the organization until being selected to serve as Executive Director in 1995. As Executive Director, Mr. Dressel has overseen a twenty member staff, an operating budget of over \$3 million and five full-time lobbyists. In addition to his tenure at the New Jersey State League of Municipalities, Mr. Dressel served on the National League of Cities Executive Board for two years.

Mr. Dressel has been an effective voice for New Jersey's municipalities and his commitment to government is evident. He has fought on behalf of local government and helped advance their goals and meet their needs. Under his leadership, the League has grown, with all 565 New Jersey municipalities participating in the volunteer association for the past five years. Additionally, the League's Annual Conference is the largest of its kind, with nearly 20,000 attendees each year.

Mr. Dressel holds a Masters Degree in Public Administration from West Virginia University and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science and Social Science from Elon College. He has been recognized over the years for his outstanding service, receiving the John G. Stutz Award for 25 Years of State League Service by the National League of Cities, the Rutgers Award for Public Service to New Jersey for Excellence in promoting and supporting municipal government and Preservation New Jersey's Sarah P. Fiske Award for

his efforts to rehabilitate the Ferdinand W. Roebing Sr. Mansion as the League of Municipality's headquarters.

Mr. Speaker, I sincerely hope that my colleagues will join me in congratulating William Dressel, Jr. on his retirement and thanking him for his service to New Jersey. Mr. Dressel's commitment to the betterment of our communities is truly deserving of this body's recognition.

CELEBRATING THE 67TH ANNIVERSARY OF ISRAELI INDEPENDENCE

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of the 67th anniversary of Israeli Independence, Yom Ha'atzmaut. The story of Israel is one of a country that for 67 years has defied all odds and a long list of existential threats not only to exist but to thrive as a powerhouse of innovation and national resilience.

Every year, the celebration of the birth of the Jewish state comes on the heels of Israel's Memorial Day, Yom Ha'zikaron. The sirens that ring throughout the country to mark the day of remembrance serve as a stark reminder of the ultimate price its citizens have paid to make the State of Israel possible.

The special relationship between our two countries spans all of Israel's 67 years, beginning the moment that President Harry Truman famously recognized the State of Israel only 11 minutes after its declaration of statehood on May 14, 1948.

Since that time, Israel has served as a bright beacon of democracy and human rights in a region scarce with both. As terrorist groups like ISIS spread their brutality, a civil war rages in Syria that has claimed the lives of hundreds of thousands of civilians, and a regime in Iran calls for the annihilation of Israel as it pursues a nuclear program, we are reminded of the importance of our alliance and shared values. On this day, we must reaffirm our steadfast commitment to the State of Israel and our shared goals of democracy, peace, security, and prosperity.

I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing the people and leaders of Israel chag sameach and a happy 67th Independence Day.

HONORING SETH ARGYLE

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Seth Argyle. Seth 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 125, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Seth has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Seth 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, Seth has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

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

NATIONAL DISTINCTION

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the City of Meadows Place and their fire department on receiving the rare national distinction of a PPC top ranking of 1. Out of the 48,000 other communities that were evaluated, only 80 out of the entire nation have received such an incredible ranking from the Insurance Services Office (ISO).

The ISO utilizes a classification system to rank cities on their Fire Department's ability to protect their communities from fire-related incidents. The system evaluates fire alarm facilities, fire suppression equipment, and other fire department procedures. This comprehensive evaluation method demonstrates that it takes both exemplary city leadership and a dedicated Fire Department to achieve a ranking of this superior level. The leadership and Fire Department of the City of Meadows Place have truly prioritized the safety and welfare of their citizens.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to the City of Meadows Place and its Fire Department on receiving the highest rank from the ISO. We know that you will continue to set an example in excellence, and we thank you for your service.

IN HONOR OF THOMAS A. BEATON

HON. BRUCE POLIQUIN

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Mr. POLIQUIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise along with my colleague Mr. MOULTON of Massachusetts to commemorate Thomas A. Beaton, Phillips Academy Andover Class of 1973, as he completes his service as the President of the Phillips Academy Alumni Council. I want to celebrate Tom as a role model that embodies our school's "non sibi" motto, which translates to "not for self."

An energetic volunteer and philanthropic supporter of Andover, Tom has served as a member of the Alumni Council since 2004, during which time he twice co-chaired the Non Sibi Committee and the Mentoring Committee. Mr. Beaton also cofounded the Andover and the Military Committee, among other activities.

Today, we want to celebrate the fact that, in 2007, Tom pioneered Non Sibi Day, Andover's worldwide service effort in which alumni, parents, faculty and students participate. Under Tom's leadership and steadfast support, Non Sibi Day has evolved into what is now known

as the Non Sibi 365 initiative, which is the name given to the Non Sibi Committee's efforts to serve as a catalyst for year-round expressions of the Non Sibi spirit of the alumni of Phillips Academy and Abbot Academy. The initiative includes all public service acts done in the spirit of Non Sibi, from individual acts of kindness to group projects that bring the Andover alumni community together, with the express purpose of helping others.

Over the years, Tom has led Non Sibi projects at the Pine Street Inn to help end homelessness and cycled in the Pan-Mass Challenge to support cancer research, to name just two of the countless manifestations of Non Sibi in Tom's life. Tom's efforts have inspired thousands of alums to participate in hundreds of projects around the world. Thank you, Tom, for your inspiring and transformative leadership. *Semper Non Sibi.*

HONORING PAYTON RODGERS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Payton Rodgers. Payton 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 125, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Payton has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Payton 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, Payton has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

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

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$18,151,908,849,687.15. We've added \$7,525,031,800,774.07 to our debt in 6 years. This is over \$7.5 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

IRAN IS THE WORLD THREAT TO PEACE

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, Iran pretends like it wants peace, but it really wants to conquer the entire Middle East.

While the Supreme Leader's henchmen meet with our diplomats in Geneva, the Iranians are building up their war technology. Iranian news sources indicate that since 2014, Iran has been developing combat suicide drones. This technology uses drones as suicide weapons to destroy jet aircraft, helicopters, and even warships. The drone development includes drones that elude radar, have tracking devices, and fly for hours with a long range.

The Supreme Leader says he wants to destroy Israel and the United States and you know what? I believe him. He has used his terrorist proxy group Hezbollah to go after Israelis around the world. Hezbollah killed a bus full of Israeli tourists in Bulgaria. It was caught trying to kill Israelis in India, Turkey, Thailand, Azerbaijan, and Georgia.

I was in Israel not too long ago and I met with Prime Minister Netanyahu.

He told me the interim Iran nuclear deal was the worst deal of the century.

A year later we have a so-called final deal that is just as bad if not worse than the interim deal.

Iran gets to keep enriching uranium. It does not have to dismantle any of its nuclear infrastructure. No centrifuges will be disabled, no fissile material will be shipped out of the country, Arak will not be destroyed and Fordow will not be closed.

That means at the end of the deal it basically just has to flip a switch to get a nuclear bomb. Why would we be okay with Iran getting a nuclear bomb in 10 or 15 years but not today? To use a football analogy, this deal puts Iran on the goal line with just inches to go before it scores a touchdown.

The deal is also weak on inspections. Nowhere in any fact sheet is it clear that the IAEA will have "anytime, anywhere" inspections. In fact, an Iranian general said that military sites will be off limits.

Our one point of leverage—tough sanctions that this Congress passed—the Administration seems ready to get rid of sooner rather than later. President Rouhani said "We will not sign any agreement, unless all economic sanctions are totally lifted on the first day of the implementation of the deal." Then our President talked about giving Iran \$10 billion up front from oil revenue that is frozen in Iran's bank account. That does not sound like a tough negotiator to me.

As bad as this deal is, I'm not even sure there is a deal. Supreme Leader Khamenei said "there are no binding results." And you know what? I hope he's right.

As Netanyahu put it when he came to speak to Congress, "the alternative to a bad deal is a better deal." We can reimpose sanctions, bring even tougher sanctions, and return to our original goals of bargaining: dismantle nuclear infrastructure (including centrifuges and enrichment facilities), no enrichment, require anytime/anywhere snap inspections, stop re-

search and development on advanced centrifuges, and no development of ICBMs.

Right now, today, Iran is trying to gobble up Yemen, Iraq, Syria, and Lebanon. That is four countries in the Middle East. Now imagine what Iran would do once it had a nuclear weapon? We cannot let that happen. We must stop the Iranian mullahs that threaten both the United States and Israel.

And that's just the way it is.

HONORING OFFICER JACOB BALDWIN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Officer Jacob Baldwin, a police officer and hero with the Pleasant Valley Police Department, on being awarded the Pleasant Valley Police Service Purple Heart, in recognition of his injuries in the line of duty.

After serving in the United States Air Force, Officer Baldwin continued his devotion to service by becoming a member of the Kansas Air National Guard, serving in the 284th Air Support Operation Squadron. Through his four deployments to Africa, Kuwait and Iraq and his time with the Pleasant Valley Police Department, Officer Baldwin has gone above and beyond his call of duty. On December 13th, Officer Baldwin sustained severe injuries from a gunshot wound. While wounded, Officer Baldwin exemplified selflessness and bravery by notifying proper authorities of the situation at hand so they could apprehend the suspect before he brought harm to another member of the community. Throughout his many years of meritorious service and commitment to the force, Officer Baldwin has inspired his fellow officers and many in the community which he protects.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Officer Jacob Baldwin for his admirable service to the Pleasant Valley Police Department and his selfless dedication to protecting the residents who reside in the city.

COMMITMENT TO ENERGY EFFICIENCY

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Memorial Hermann Health System for being recognized as a 2015 ENERGY STAR Partner of the Year by the Environmental Protection Agency, EPA. This marks the third consecutive year that Memorial Hermann has received this honor.

Every year, the EPA's ENERGY STAR label is given to hospitals across the country for their energy performance management. For 2015, 20 percent of U.S. hospitals given this label were part of the Memorial Hermann Health System. I commend Memorial Hermann for their continued commitment to energy efficiency.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again

to the Memorial Hermann Health System for receiving this worthy recognition. Thank you for being a leader in our community and the health care industry.

IN RECOGNITION OF CAPTAIN
JEREMY HAYNES

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a true patriot and American hero, Captain Jeremy Haynes. On August 5, 2014, Captain Haynes was critically wounded while serving our country in Afghanistan. Captain Haynes will be honored for his outstanding contributions to the United States Army and to our great nation at the Third Annual Ceola Alexander Memorial Prayer Breakfast on May 2, 2015 in Arlington, Georgia.

A native of Albany, Georgia, Captain Haynes attended Calhoun County Schools and Early County Schools before graduating from Dougherty County High School. He was commissioned into the Quartermaster Corps at Georgia Military College in 2004, and graduated cum laude from Fort Valley State University in 2006 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History. Most recently, Captain Haynes earned a Master of Science degree in Management magna cum laude from the Florida Institute of Technology in 2013.

Captain Haynes has distinguished himself through a number of previous assignments, including Platoon Leader & Executive Officer, 421st Quartermaster Company (Riggers), U.S. Army Reserves in Fort Valley, Georgia; Battalion Logistics Officer, 3rd Special Troops Battalion, 3rd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault); Commander, 623rd Quartermaster Company (Riggers), 82nd Sustainment Brigade (Airborne); Training with Industry, American Red Cross National Headquarters in Washington, D.C.; and Instructor at the United States Army Logistics University in Fort Lee, Virginia.

During his extensive military career, Captain Haynes has been honored with a multitude of awards, among them the Purple Heart, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraqi Freedom Campaign Medal, Combat Action Badge, Senior Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, Parachute Rigger Badge, German Jump Wings, and the Norwegian 30K Road Mark Badge.

On August 5, 2014, Captain Haynes' life was changed forever. While acting as an Aide-de-Camp to Major General Harold Green among a delegation of Coalition and Afghan Forces, a member of the Afghan army opened fire upon the group, critically wounding Captain Haynes and more than a dozen others.

After suffering gunshot wounds so severe that they required numerous surgeries and left him in a coma, Captain Haynes woke up to find that his legs would not move. Adding even more mental anguish to his physical trauma, he also discovered that Major General Green had been killed. But despite the extremity of his injuries, both physical and emotional, Captain Haynes has not only returned to the loving arms of his wife and six children, but he also took his first steps since the attack just before last New Year's Eve.

His example reminds us all just how deeply the men and women in the Armed Forces give of themselves on our behalf, and how much they are willing to endure, both physically and mentally, to safeguard our cherished liberties. Captain Haynes sets an extraordinary standard of altruism to emulate and for his sacrifices, we shall forever be grateful.

Mr. Speaker, today I ask my colleagues to join me, my wife, Vivian, the more than 730,000 people in Georgia's Second Congressional District, and all Americans, in extending our sincere gratitude and appreciation to Captain Jeremy Haynes. Captain Haynes' courageous leadership among his peers and his enduring dedication to our country showcase an individual of truly noble character. The impact of his valor and sacrifice are deeply felt within the hearts of those whose paths he crosses, and we wish him all the best as he continues to touch the lives of those in his community. May his future endeavors reward and inspire him, as he has inspired us.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH AN-
NIVERSARY OF THE NEW JER-
SEY STATE LEAGUE OF MUNICI-
PALITIES

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the New Jersey State League of Municipalities on its 100th anniversary this year. This incredible milestone and the League's efforts to support New Jersey's local governments are truly deserving of this body's recognition.

Born out of the need for a statewide alliance supporting and representing the common interests of local governments, the New Jersey State League of Municipalities was conceived and formally authorized by state statute Chapter 163, Laws of 1915. Trenton Mayor Frederick W. Donnelly served as the League's first president, along with three vice presidents, a 14-member executive committee (now known as the executive board) and an executive secretary (known today as the executive director). Over the years, the organization's structure has remained the same. In its 100th year, Piscataway Mayor Brian Wahler serves as League President.

Evidence of its success, the League has grown immensely since its formation. Begun with 51 charter member municipalities, today the voluntary association boasts a membership of all 565 of New Jersey's municipalities, representing more than 560 mayors and 13,000 elected and appointed officials. Its headquarters, moved from Princeton to Trenton in 1921, continued to expand and was housed in several buildings before settling in its current location in 2007. For 100 years, the New Jersey State League of Municipalities has evolved and grown to meet the changing, complex needs of local government.

Through its legislative activity, the League continues to be the leading voice on municipal affairs and an effective advocate on behalf of New Jersey's communities. Its services, programs and resources, particularly its annual conference and monthly magazine, are invaluable resources to local officials, providing out-

lets to share issues, solutions and ideas. Throughout its history, the League has successfully fought for greater local autonomy, improved local governance and the protection of municipal rights. Its achievements and influence are immeasurable.

Mr. Speaker, once again, please join me in recognizing the New Jersey State League of Municipalities as it celebrates 100 years of local government collaboration. The New Jersey State League of Municipalities continues to represent a commitment to good government.

PROVIDE SEXUAL ASSAULT VIC-
TIMS WITH PERMANENT PRO-
TECTION FROM THEIR
ATTACKERS

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Sexual Assault Awareness Month and call attention to legislation I reintroduced this morning that will help to ensure that victims of sexual assaults can seek and receive permanent protection from their attackers.

By way of background, Nicole Norberto, a constituent of mine from Jackson, New Jersey and for whom the bill is named, was raped at the age of 15 by an acquaintance. While seeking prosecution of the attacker and appropriate restraints to protect herself, Nicole was advised by a court clerk in her home county that she could not request a permanent restraining order from the judge because she was not in a "dating relationship" with her attacker.

As a result, Nicole's no-contact order, which offered her a significant means of protection from her attacker, ended when her attacker was released from government supervision. To remedy this situation, the New Jersey state legislature adopted legislation (Chapter 133 of the laws of 2007) to extend the right of permanent protection to all victims of sexual abuse.

In my state, Nicole's Law closed a gaping loophole and the bill I introduced today will provide victims across the country with the same protections.

Mr. Speaker, the Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network (RAINN) estimates that approximately 2/3 of assaults are committed by someone known to the victim and 38 percent are a friend or acquaintance. Nicole's Law will ensure all victims have the option of obtaining a permanent restraining order—and the peace of mind it provides.

In addition to requiring states to ensure their laws afford victims the option of seeking a permanent restraining order, my bill will allow a judge to, essentially, default to permanent protection instead of issuing protection orders which expire on a specific date or upon termination. In other words, if the offender would like the order removed, the burden is on the offender to ask for its removal, rather than on the victim to ask for its continuance.

Mr. Speaker, RAINN states that 68 percent of sexual assaults are not reported to police and 98 percent of rapists will never spend a day in jail.

By offering victims added protection and support, we can enable them to have greater

confidence in the administration of justice. The more support and confidence victims have in the ability of our justice system to hold those who commit sex crimes accountable, the more likely victims will come forward—which will help ensure that more criminals are properly prosecuted, leading to fewer victims in the future.

As Nicole stated this week: “This law is a chance to help ensure victim’s rights are protected and needs are met before, during and after a sexual assault. Hopefully this law will help victims of sexual assault be more comfortable with coming forward about their incident knowing that there are laws set in place to help protect them during this difficult process.”

We should do all we can to encourage victims to come forward and ensure those victims who do, are afforded permanent protection. My legislation will help this effort and I urge all members to support it.

LEGENDARY COACH

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ms. Donna Vacek on her long and successful career as head coach of the Lady Oilers, the Pearland girls’ basketball team.

With over 449 career wins and two regional tournament appearances, Ms. Vacek has coached the Lady Oilers to incredible victories over her 29 year career. While she is still in her prime in coaching, Ms. Vacek opted to retire and spend time caring for her family. She is leaving a legacy of victory and determination that will continue to motivate the team in future tournaments.

On behalf of the residents of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again on your exemplary career as head coach of the Lady Oilers. We know that you will continue to set an example in excellence and compassion, and we thank you for leadership.

PROTECTING CYBER NETWORKS ACT (H.R. 1560) NATIONAL CYBERSECURITY ADVANCEMENT PROTECTION ACT OF 2015 (H.R. 1731)

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, last week I voted against H.R. 1560. With two bills on the floor with the same purpose to improve public-private cybersecurity information sharing, I simply prefer the alternative legislation, the National Cybersecurity Protection Advancement Act of 2015 (H.R. 1731).

I commend the Select Committee on Intelligence for their efforts to produce quality, effective legislation to increase public-private cybersecurity information sharing. However, it made more sense to me that this information sharing would be channeled through the existing National Cybersecurity and Communica-

tions Integration Center (NCCIC) already in place under the Department of Homeland Security, as provided in H.R. 1731. I am concerned that this bill would provide too many opportunities for mistakes as cybersecurity information would be shared by private entities with any civilian Government agency of their choice. With so many government entities eligible to receive this information, and then pass it on to other government organizations, H.R. 1560 would not ensure protection of private personal information.

A coalition of 18 security researchers and 36 privacy organizations, including the American Civil Liberties Union, have similar concerns, and while I applaud the effort to move forward to address cybersecurity issues, it’s critical to get the privacy protections right.

I recognize the importance of establishing cybersecurity legislation. and support the Administration’s position that information sharing legislation must carefully safeguard privacy and civil liberties and provide for appropriate sharing with targeted liability protections.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in opposing the Protecting Cyber Networks Act and support the National Cybersecurity Advancement Protection Act of 2015.

HONORING COMCAST CARES DAY

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the spirit of volunteerism demonstrated by Comcast Cares Day.

Since 2001, over 600,000 volunteers have logged over 3.7 million service hours throughout the country during Comcast Cares Day, a celebration that brings communities together to encourage service and promote volunteerism. This year in Will County, volunteers will work with the Forest Preserve District of Will County for a project at Whalon Lake.

I would like to thank the organizers and volunteers of Comcast Cares Day for the work they do in our community and for their commitment to service.

CONGRATULATING THE COPPELL HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SOCCER TEAM ON THEIR STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Coppell High School girls soccer team and their recent victory in the 2015 UIL 6A State Championship game. Coppell defeated then-unbeaten Highland Park High School by a score of 3–0, giving the Cowgirls their second state championship.

The Cowgirls, led by longtime coach Chris Stricker, finished the season undefeated with 28 wins, three ties, and zero losses, making them only the 9th UIL girls soccer champion to finish a season without a loss. What makes this championship victory that much more impressive is the difficult road the Cowgirls had

to traverse, beating nationally ranked teams like Plano West just to get into the State tournament. Not only did Coppell finish the season as the best team in Texas, they were ranked the #1 team in the nation by Top Drawer Soccer. The achievements and accomplishments attained this season by the Cowgirls, listed below, cannot be understated and are deserving of the highest praise.

Seniors: Rachel Johnson #00, Cami Studebaker #6, Grace Vowell #8, Liat Even #10, Christina Liu #12, Rachel Koury #18, Sarah King #21, Tara Vishnesky #22

Juniors: Kristen Racz #5, Maddie Dickson #11, Madeline Guderian #13, Kate Kaiser #16, Ashleigh Little #25, Emma Jett #27, Shay Johnson #31

Sophomores: Kelly Rohe #0, Maddie Weber #1, Erian Brown #7, Tori Teffeteller #26, Sarah Houchin #30

Freshmen: Italia Bradley #3, Tyler Runnels #9, Sydney Andrews #20, McKenzie McFarland #23

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 24th Congressional District of Texas, I ask all my distinguished colleagues to join me in honoring this great achievement by the Coppell High School girls soccer team.

TOP 10 COLLEGE WOMEN OF THE YEAR

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Vanessa Alejandro for being named one of Glamour Magazine’s Top 10 College Women of the Year. This prestigious recognition highlights ten young women whose actions lead to positive changes in their community.

Vanessa grew up in Pearland, Texas and was always fond of exploring nature as a child. Upon attending University of Houston, she realized many inner city children fail to have a safe environment to explore nature like she did as a child. As a result, she founded Warriors of the Wild, a nonprofit that teaches inner city kids about science and the environment. While pursuing her academic leadership, she became a cancer survivor. Two years ago, Vanessa was diagnosed with thyroid cancer. She battled cancer like a champion continuing her studies at the same time. Her efforts to help bring the world of science to those with limited access and her success in overcoming cancer are an inspiration to all young women.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Vanessa Alejandro for being named Glamour Magazine’s Top 10 College Women of the Year. We are very proud of her.

MAYOR DONNIE McMANNES

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, after ten years in office, City of Humble, Texas Mayor

Donnie McMannes will officially bring his stellar public career to an end next month. His tireless efforts have improved our community, and it is with great pleasure that I express my admiration, gratitude and respect to a hometown hero and committed public servant.

Donnie was born in Houston and spent much of his childhood in the Heights area before moving with his mother to Humble in 1945 and attending Charles Bender High School, where he became a football star before graduating in 1953.

After graduating high school, he married his high school sweetheart, Georgia. He was soon drafted into the U.S. Army. His love for football continued while in the service when he played football for the Army in Germany in what was called the Rhine Conference. In 1955, his team went undefeated and won the Rhine Conference Championship.

After completing his service in the Army, Donnie returned home to Texas and to his wife, Georgia. At the age of 23, he joined the City of Houston Police Department.

For 27 years, Donnie put on the badge to protect and serve Houstonians. His long career at HPD included assignments in patrol, investigator, and narcotics. He was promoted to detective in the Burglary and Theft Division, where he served for fourteen years. After retiring from HPD, he continued his career as a Texas lawman, working ten more years for Constable Walter Rankin's Precinct One Constable Office. He is a lifetime member of what I refer to as the "Poe-leece"—a group of my friends in the Texas law enforcement community.

Donnie is the epitome of civil servant. After officially retiring from law enforcement in 1995, Donnie decided to become more actively involved in local government and ran for the position of Council Member with the City of Humble. He served on the Humble City Council for 10 years. He then decided to run for mayor in 2005 and has spent the last 10 years as its mayor.

Under his leadership, he's overseen many successful projects through the Humble City Council, including bringing the City out of debt and into a surplus. Mayor McMannes has given Humble financial flexibility and the ability to start and complete projects, noting that the projects are always "paid for by cash."

Congress could certainly stand to gain from following in Mayor McMannes' commonsense, fiscally responsible footsteps. In addition, working alongside many of his Humble-born and bred friends from the '50s, the City of Humble recently finished managing a total restoration project on the old Charles Bender High School building turning it into the new Charles Bender High School Performing Arts Center. As an alum of Charles Bender High School, this project was close to Mayor McMannes' heart, and appropriately, the new facility is immersed in important memories and milestones in Humble's rich roots.

On behalf of the Second Congressional District, I thank Mayor McMannes for his service and wish him and Georgia nothing but the best in their future endeavors.

As a resident of Humble, I can tell you that his presence in the city government will be missed. As Donnie likes to say, "I'm Texas born, Texas bred, and I'll be Texas dead right here on Main Street."

And that's just the way it is.

FBI SD ELEMENTARY TEACHER OF THE YEAR

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Melanie Hines of Oyster Creek Elementary on being named Fort Bend Independent School District's 2015 Elementary Teacher of the Year.

Ms. Hines has been a teacher for ten years, devoting the last two years to Oyster Creek Elementary. She prides herself on taking a special interest in each student and is dedicated to preventing achievement gaps in the classroom for all of her students. I wish Ms. Hines the best of luck in her teaching career and am thankful for teachers like her that go above and beyond for their students. Great teachers help develop future leaders.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, I congratulate Melanie Hines for her commitment to teaching and for earning the Fort Bend ISD 2015 Elementary Teacher of the Year.

RECOGNIZING THE DISTINGUISHED CAREER AND SERVICE OF DR. S. ALAN RAY

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a dedicated servant of higher education from the state of Illinois, Dr. S. Alan Ray. In June, Dr. Ray will conclude his service as President of Elmhurst College.

During his tenure as President, Dr. Ray has been an exemplary leader and servant of Elmhurst College. He created the first comprehensive strategic planning process in the school's history. The Elmhurst College Strategic Plan 2009–2014 clarified and systemized the College's core values and beliefs and charted a course for the College's institutional growth during those years. He has since created a second strategic plan, with the help of the school's trustees, to lay out the groundwork for academic and institutional growth through the year 2020. Dr. Ray's strategic vision and dedicated execution have strengthened Elmhurst College and better served countless students.

Under Dr. Ray's direction, Elmhurst College has grown significantly. It increased its full-time faculty, greatly increased its minority student population, and launched a school of professional studies, which specializes in graduate and adult education. The College has also completed construction and renovation projects, including the Elmhurst College Simulation Center at Elmhurst Memorial Hospital. The simulation center is a state-of-the-art facility built to improve nurses' clinical knowledge and skills through active, hands-on clinical scenarios.

Dr. Ray's long and distinguished tenure at Elmhurst College has been a time of dynamic growth for the institution and academic excellence for its student population. Elmhurst College has solidified its place as an integral part

of our local community and an excellent place to study and receive training for a successful career.

Mr. Speaker and Distinguished Colleagues, please join me in congratulating Dr. S. Alan Ray on his seven years of service to Elmhurst College and in wishing him all the best for the new chapter on which he is about to embark.

RECOGNIZING VOLUNTEERS WITH THE MOUNTAIN EMPIRE OLDER CITIZENS FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Mr. GRIFFITH. Mr. Speaker, I submit these remarks to recognize volunteers with the Mountain Empire Older Citizens Foster Grandparent Program, which pairs people aged 60 and older with students for tutoring and mentorship purposes. The Foster Grandparent Program is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, and has been operating at Mountain Empire Older Citizens, Inc. since 1997.

It is my honor to submit the names of Mountain Empire Older Citizens Foster Grandparent Program volunteers:

Irene Bailey, Lucille Baker, Minnie Baker, Betty Barker, Mary Dawson, Nelda Denninson, Shirley Gardner, Ruth Gibson, Bess Gillenwater, Ruth Hogue, Patsy King, Janie Marshall, Sheila Miller, Edith Moore, Sharon Mullins, Bonnie Olinger, Mary Rogers, Ruth Shawver, Marie Smith, Thelma Smith, Betty Stewart, and Thelma Welch.

Additionally, I would recognize Sarah Parsons for her 15 years of service, and note with sadness the passing of Aleatha Strong, who served for 7 years as a Foster Grandparent.

Mr. Speaker, I want to send my genuine thanks to folks working with and volunteering for the Mountain Empire Older Citizens Foster Grandparent Program. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing these volunteers and others throughout the nation for their efforts on behalf of America's young people. Best wishes to the Foster Grandparent Program many more years of success.

TRIBUTE TO SYDNEY PEARL

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Sydney Pearl, a twelve year old author from West Des Moines, Iowa.

Sydney, a student at Stilwell Junior High School recently completed a book about Holocaust survivor David Wolnerman. Mr. Wolnerman and his wife Mrs. Jennie Wolnerman are the last known living Holocaust survivors in Central Iowa. I applaud Sydney's effort to preserve their story in her book *A Lucky Lie*.

This book is an oral history of Mr. Wolnerman during his time in Nazi concentration camps and his life afterwards. The title comes from the lie Mr. Wolnerman told long ago in 1940, about his age as he was entering

the concentration camp. By claiming he was 18, when he was only 13, he narrowly avoided being sent to the gas chamber. Mr. Wolnerman believes God allowed him to make that choice and ultimately it helped him survive. Sydney, through her words, was able to pass along his message for others to hear. The tragedy of the holocaust must never be forgotten.

Sydney was encouraged to write the book by the Jewish Federation and A Book by Me, an Illinois company that taps children to tell stories of Jewish survivors. Her book passes down the oral history of David Wolnerman for other children nationwide.

I congratulate Sydney Pearl for writing this book and for preserving the history of those that survived the horrors of the Holocaust during the Second World War. I am proud to represent them in the United States Congress. I know that my colleagues join me in congratulating Sydney Pearl and wishing her many successes in the future.

HONORING ALLAN LEE MCCROSKEY

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Mr. GRIFFITH. Mr. Speaker, I submit these remarks to commemorate the life of my friend Allan Lee McCroskey of Roanoke County, who went to be with his Lord on Tuesday, April 7, 2015.

Allan served our nation in the United States Air Force during Vietnam. In spite of his service-related ailments, Allan was always quick to greet you with a smile. He went on to serve as Commander for the Disabled American Veterans, Department of Virginia (2012–2013). In fact, Allan was a life member of the Disabled American Veterans, and was a Disabled American Veterans National Service Officer. He also was retired from the Veterans Administration.

Not only did Allan serve our nation, he actively served the community as well. He was Assistant Scout Master and Board Member of the Blue Ridge Council of Boy Scouts of America, and received the District Award of Merit, the Silver Beaver Award, and the James E. West Fellowship Award. He also was a member of the Scouting Heritage Society.

Additionally, Allan was board member for Climbing Higher Ministries of Lynchburg and Combining Chapters of the DAV. He also was a member of Living Water Christian Church and Cave Spring Masonic Lodge #230.

Allan was preceded in death by his father, Richard L. McCroskey; his stepmother, Agnes McCroskey; his mother, Virginia Johnson McCroskey; his loving wife of 37 years, Reatha Tuck McCroskey; and his second wife of eight years, Linda Perkins McCroskey; his sons, Matthew David and Stephen Paul McCroskey; and his brother, Richard F. McCroskey. He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Eric and Anne McCroskey of Goodview; his brother, Michael E. McCroskey of Mechanicsville; and his sister, Carolyn S. Wallace of Colonial Heights.

Known for his exceptional goodwill and dedication to the United States military, veterans, and our community, I am honored to

pay tribute to this man's many contributions. My thoughts and prayers go out to Allan's family and loved ones. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Mr. GARRETT. Mr. Speaker, on roll call numbers 174 and 175, I could not be present to vote on the House Floor as I was in my district attending the funeral of a former member of my staff. Had I been present, I would have voted aye on both roll call votes.

CONGRATULATING MR. BEN TALLEY

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Mr. GRIFFITH. Mr. Speaker, I submit these remarks to congratulate Mr. Ben Talley, a science teacher at Van Pelt Elementary School in Bristol, Virginia, on being inducted into the 2015 National Teachers Hall of Fame.

Education is important to the Ninth Congressional District and the future of our nation. Mr. Talley has 24 years of teaching experience, and has been awarded the prestigious McGlothlin Award for Teaching Excellence, the Bristol Mayors' Award of Distinction, a Rotary Outstanding Teacher, and Virginia Teacher of the Year.

In addition to teaching at Van Pelt Elementary School, Mr. Talley teaches GED courses at the Bristol Virginia Jail. He has also written several books, including his 2007 book entitled "The Game My Father Taught Me."

Mr. Speaker, I again congratulate Mr. Ben Talley on his remarkable accomplishments and, on behalf of many in the Ninth District, thank him for all he has done for our area. Best wishes for many more years of continued success.

INTRODUCTION OF THE BUREAU OF RECLAMATION SURFACE WATER STORAGE STREAMLINING ACT OF 2015

HON. DAN NEWHOUSE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce my legislation, the Bureau of Reclamation Surface Water Storage Streamlining Act of 2015. This important and desperately needed legislation would streamline the Bureau of Reclamation's environmental planning and study process for new surface water storage projects. It would accomplish this by applying the same streamlined water project development process used by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers under the Water Resources Reform Development Act of 2014 to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, in order to fa-

cilitate the construction of new dams and reservoirs.

Water is the lifeblood of communities in the arid West and the current water shortage crisis devastating much of the Western United States highlights the critical need for water supply to grow with demand. A streamlined process for new water storage projects is vital to prepare effectively for drought and to provide adequate water resources for future development. This bill allows forward-thinking improvements to the Bureau of Reclamation's permitting process to create new opportunities for water storage. Put simply, this legislation will reform the current cumbersome and lengthy process so that there is a mechanism to build new surface water storage projects in the West.

I urge all members to join me in supporting this legislation and I urge its swift passage.

TRIBUTE TO RICHARD LANGLEY SETTLE

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Mr. GRIFFITH. Mr. Speaker, I submit these remarks to commemorate the life of my friend Richard Langley Settle, who passed away on April 16, 2015.

Richard served our nation in the United States Air Force Communications Service at the Pentagon. He graduated from Russell County Public Schools, and went on to attend Clinch Valley College.

He was a 31-year employee of Verizon Virginia, and had an immense knowledge of telecommunications and legislative history. Richard left the company in 2003, having started as a pole climber and worked his way up to Southwest Area Manager of External Affairs. He was President of Settle Associates, a consulting group specializing in business development, telecommunications, government relations, and economic development.

Richard is well known for his public service, having served as Chair and Vice-Chair of the Russell County Board of Supervisors. He also served as a member of the Foundation Boards of both the Mountain Empire Community College and The University of Virginia—Wise. In 2003, he was the honoree of the Mountain Empire Community College Hall of Honor.

Further, Richard worked tirelessly to encourage economic development in Southwest Virginia. Appointed by three Governors, Richard served the Virginia Coalfield Economic Development Authority as Chair and Vice-Chair. He attended the 2001 Economic Summit in Tokyo, Japan as a special envoy of Virginia, and was also appointed to the Virginia Workforce Council.

Richard was appointed by the General Assembly of Virginia as a non-legislative member of the Southwest Economic Development Commission. He also was a charter member of the Southwest Virginia Technology Council, and was honored with a lifetime membership. Additionally, Richard served as a member of the Board of Directors of Virginia Economic Bridge, and held several advisory board positions for privately held companies.

He was involved in additional public service work and charitable work, having served as a

Deacon of Miller View Primitive Baptist Church in Lebanon, VA. He was also an active member of the Sandy Valley Masonic Lodge #17, the Wise County Shrine Club, and the Kazim Temple in Roanoke, VA.

Richard is survived by his wife Janet Swearingen Settle of Abingdon, VA; son Jamie Settle of Carbo, VA; daughter Sarah Rae Easter, MD and husband Nick Easter of Boston, MA; grandsons Tommy Settle and Taylor Settle; brother Billy Settle and sister-in-law Judy, daughter-in-law Jennifer Taylor Yates, and niece Sally Ketron and husband Wes all of Lebanon, VA; niece Lora Beth Settle of Denver, CO and niece Lindsay Greer and husband Joe of Damascus, VA.

Also surviving are his mother-in-law Sarah Baird Hutcheson; brother-in-law James Baird Swearingen, niece Alissa M. Swearingen MD and husband Nick Alexiou, nephew Travis B. Swearingen and wife Aftin all of Brentwood, TN; nephew Christopher J. Swearingen PhD and wife Emilee of San Marcos, CA; brother-in-law Ray Hutcheson and wife Sue of Franklin, KY; great nieces Avery Ketron, Ava Swearingen, Denbigh Swearingen; great nephews Joe Hank, Jacob and Britt Swearingen. Richard was preceded in death by his parents Richard L. and Lillian Jackson Settle, son Robert Kyle Settle, sister Mary Kay Settle, brother Fred Settle, and sister-in-law Martha Jones Swearingen.

Richard's counsel to me and others over the years was truly invaluable. His expertise and devotion had a tremendous impact on our region, and made it a better place to live. His input and dedication will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Richard's family and loved ones at this time. May God give them comfort.

TRIBUTE TO MEALS FROM THE
HEARTLAND

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate and recognize Meals From The Heartland, a non-profit organization that operates out of West Des Moines, Iowa, for receiving the USA Today Make a Difference Day Award.

Make a Difference Day is a USA Today initiative that issues an award to honor the efforts of outstanding people who lead these projects. Each year, they award \$140,000 in grants to 14 honorees chosen by a distinguished panel of judges. Award-winners can use their grant money to expand their Make a Difference Day projects, or donate them to a charity of their choice. Make a Difference Day is the nation's largest annual day of giving.

On Make a Difference Day, October 25, 2014, Meals from the Heartland produced over seven tons of food to those in need. A small portion of the 100,008 dried meals produced go to people in Iowa, but most are sent overseas to children in countries including Haiti, South Africa, and the Philippines.

I applaud and congratulate Meals from the Heartland for receiving this award and for their service to starving people around the world, in Central Iowa and elsewhere in the United States. I am proud to represent their leaders,

employees, and volunteers in the United States Congress. I know that my colleagues join me in congratulating Meals from the Heartland and wishing them well and continued success in the future.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, April 30, 2015 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MAY 5

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security
To hold hearings to examine surface transportation reauthorization, focusing on the importance of a long term reauthorization.

SR-253

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold oversight hearings to examine the Federal government's role in wild-fire management, the impact of fires on communities, and potential improvements to be made in fire operations.

SD-366

Committee on Environment and Public Works

Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety
To hold hearings to examine the legal implications of the Clean Power Plan.

SD-406

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2016 for the Securities and Exchange Commission and Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

SD-138

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
To hold hearings to examine the U.S. Grain Standards Act.

SR-328A

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine precision medicine for patients.

SD-430

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine pending nominations.

SR-418

MAY 6

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Fish and Wildlife Service, and S. 1036, to require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to provide certain Western States assistance in the development of state-wide conservation and management plans or the protection and recovery of sage-grouse species, S. 855, to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to permit Governors of States to regulate intrastate endangered species and intrastate threatened species, S. 736, to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require disclosure to States of the basis of determinations under such Act, to ensure use of information provided by State, tribal, and county governments in decisionmaking under such Act, S. 655, to prohibit the use of funds by the Secretary of the Interior to make a final determination on the listing of the northern long-eared bat under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, S. 468, to provide a categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 to allow the Director of the Bureau of Land Management and the Chief of the Forest Service to remove Pinyon-Juniper trees to conserve and restore the habitat of the greater sage-grouse and the mule deer, S. 293, to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements, S. 292, to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require publication on the Internet of the basis for determinations that species are endangered species or threatened species, S. 112, to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require the Secretary of the Interior to publish and make available for public comment a draft economic analysis at the time a proposed rule to designate critical habitat is published, and S. 1081, to end the use of body-gripping traps in the National Wildlife Refuge System.

SD-406

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine ensuring an informed citizenry, focusing on examining the Administration's efforts to improve open government.

SD-226

10 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs
To hold hearings to examine global health problems.

SD-124

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Daniel R. Elliott III, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board, and Mario Cordero, of California, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner.

SR-253

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine reauthorizing the Higher Education Act, focusing on the role of consumer information in college choice.

SD-430

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Business meeting to consider S. 280, to improve the efficiency, management, and interagency coordination of the Federal permitting process through reforms overseen by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, S. 750, to achieve border security on certain Federal lands along the Southern border, S. 282, to provide taxpayers with an annual report disclosing the cost and performance of Government programs and areas of duplication among them, S. 434, to strengthen the accountability of individuals involved in misconduct affecting the integrity of background investigations, to update guidelines for security clearances, to prevent conflicts of interest relating to contractors providing background investigation fieldwork services and investigative support services, H.R. 623, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize the Department of Homeland Security to establish a social media working group, S. 179, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14 3rd Avenue, NW, in Chisholm, Minnesota, as the "James L. Oberstar Memorial Post Office Building", S. 994, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1 Walter Hammond Place in Waldwick, New Jer-

sey, as the "Staff Sergeant Joseph D'Augustine Post Office Building", an original bill entitled, "Integrated Public Alert and Warning System Modernization Act of 2015", an original bill entitled, "Truth in Settlements Act of 2015", an original bill entitled, "Presidential Transitions Improvements Act of 2015", and the nominations of David Michael Bennett, of North Carolina, Mickey D. Barnett, of New Mexico, Stephen Crawford, of Maryland, and James C. Miller, III, of Virginia, each to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service.

SD-342

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Department of Defense
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Department of Defense.

SD-192

2:15 p.m.

Committee on the Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine nominations.

SD-226

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship
To hold hearings to examine the impact of federal labor and safety laws on the U.S. seafood industry.

SR-428A

MAY 7

10 a.m.

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
To hold hearings to examine child nutrition programs.

SH-216

Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies
To hold hearings to examine rural health.

SD-124

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
To hold hearings to examine social media in the next evolution of terrorist recruitment.

SD-342

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2016 for the Department of Justice.

SD-192

MAY 12

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
To hold hearings to examine S. 883, to facilitate the reestablishment of domestic, critical mineral designation, assessment, production, manufacturing, recycling, analysis, forecasting, workforce, education, and research capabilities in the United States.

SD-366