

CONGRATULATING FESTUS HIGH SCHOOL ON ITS BRONZE MEDAL AWARD

**HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 13, 2015*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Festus High School on its Bronze Medal Award as a top Missouri High School from U.S. News and World Report.

This school's administration, teachers, and students should be commended for all of their hard work throughout the past year and for their commitment to education.

I ask you to join me in recognizing Festus High School for a job well done.

RECOGNIZING THE 2015 NATIONAL CAPITAL "A CINDERELLA BALL" AND THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HOUSE, INC.

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 13, 2015*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 2015 National Capital "A Cinderella Ball" and the tenth anniversary of The House, Inc.

Founded in 2005, The House, Inc. is a nationally recognized youth development program and offers out-of-school programs for pre-teens and teens in the greater Washington metropolitan region. Named by the Catalogue for Philanthropy: Greater Washington as "One of the Best," The House ensures that our youth are equipped with the knowledge and skills needed to become future leaders.

The House, Inc. is also the founder of the National Capital "A Cinderella Ball," which has been held annually in Washington, D.C., since 2006. The Ball, which honors military families whose children are affected by a disability or life-threatening illness, provides the opportunity for children who are sometimes sidelined from social events to enjoy a formal event featuring dinner, entertainment, and awards presentation. This is a moving and rewarding evening for these students and their families, and it is entirely organized by teen members of The House, Inc. Student Leadership Center.

This year The House, Inc. Student Leadership Center is honored to have the First Lady of the United States of America, Michelle Obama, serving as Honorary Chair of the Ball. Alongside the First Lady, former Secretary of State, Colin L. Powell and Mrs. Alma J. Powell are recognized as 2015 Honorary Committee Members. Washington Redskin quarterback, Robert Griffin III, whose parents both served in the United States Army, will be a featured speaker, and entertainment will be provided by Grammy Award-winning R&B recording artist, dance music entertainer and actor, Chris Brown.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the National Capital Area "A Cinderella Ball" and the tenth anniversary of The House, Inc. I thank the Student Leadership Center for its tireless efforts on behalf of

teens in our community and its dedication to creating brighter futures for the youth of Prince William County, Virginia.

TRIBUTE TO RILEY WEEHLER

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 13, 2015*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Mr. Riley Weehler for winning two state championships at the Iowa High School Rodeo state finals on June 5, 2015. Riley is the son of Neil and Jill Weehler from Maloy, Iowa.

Riley placed first in tie down calf roping and partnered with Payden Dawson from Maryville, MO to capture the team roping crown. His win is the culmination of many years of long practices and competitions throughout his high school career. He has qualified for the 67th National Finals Rodeo in Rock Springs, Wyoming on July 12–18.

Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Riley Weehler on a job well done, and wishing him nothing but continued success at the National Rodeo Finals and his future in collegiate rodeo.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. DAVID P. ROE**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 13, 2015*

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote on July 10, 2015. Had I been present, I would have voted:

Roll Call #431—AYE.

Roll Call #432—NO.

Roll Call #433—AYE.

HONORING KEVIN SUTHERLAND

**HON. MARC A. VEASEY**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 13, 2015*

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a dear friend, Kevin Sutherland, a young man whose always cheerful personality, gentle nature and caring spirit touched all of us who knew him. Kevin was taken from us much, much too soon this past July 4th.

Kevin Sutherland was born and grew up in Trumbull, Connecticut, to Theresa and Douglas Sutherland. Kevin first caught the political bug when he joined his father collecting petition signatures door-to-door. The early political exposure proved to have a powerful effect on Kevin. He became involved in local Connecticut politics and quickly embraced the importance and value of personally engaging in public service.

At just the age of 15, Kevin further honed his political skills by working in Congressman Jim Himes' 2008 and 2010 congressional campaigns in Bridgeport, Connecticut up until his graduation from Trumbull High School in 2009. Following his passion for political activ-

ism, Kevin attended American University in Washington, D.C., the epicenter of political action.

At American University, Kevin was active in student government and served as Student Government Secretary for two years. In addition, Kevin discovered his passion and talent for communications and design. He applied his time and talents politically by serving as the Communications Director of the American University College Democrats and also served as the New Media Coordinator for the Kennedy Political Union.

After graduating from American University in 2013, Kevin took his passion for politics and began working professionally with the Lone Star Project, a Democratic political research and communications organization. Kevin's hard work and talent for graphic design then led him to New Blue Interactive, where he could apply his political passion and experience to many Democratic candidates and causes.

Kevin's love and gift for graphic design and photography filled his spare time as well. Kevin embraced living in Washington, D.C. by capturing the sights and sounds of our beautiful Capital city. When traveling to other places, Kevin would return with the essence of his travels captured visually. He graciously shared his work and, in doing so, not only showcased his talent but let us all share in the joy of his experience. It is a gift he gave without knowing and one that we will always cherish just as we cherish knowing this wonderful young man.

In honor and remembrance of Kevin Sutherland, whose warm and kind heart touched many lives, I submit this statement.

CONGRATULATING HERMANN HIGH SCHOOL ON ITS BRONZE MEDAL AWARD

**HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 13, 2015*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Hermann High School on its Bronze Medal Award as a top Missouri High School from U.S. News and World Report.

This school's administration, teachers, and students should be commended for all of their hard work throughout the past year and for their commitment to education.

I ask you to join me in recognizing Hermann High School for a job well done.

HUMBLE ISD NAMED WINNER OF H-E-B EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARDS PROGRAM

**HON. TED POE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 13, 2015*

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the Humble Independent School District (ISD) was named the 2015 Large District winner of the H-E-B Excellence in Education Awards program. H-E-B is a state-wide grocery chain in Texas.

Humble ISD competed alongside six large districts statewide to win the cash prize of