

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

\$100,000 and the title of 2015 H-E-B Large District Winner.

The H-E-B Excellence in Education Award recognizes the outstanding teachers, principals, and students of Humble ISD.

Humble ISD has announced that they will dedicate the \$100,000 award to innovative education grants which are awarded to teachers through the Humble ISD Education Foundation. As a former teacher, and husband and father of teachers, I understand the hard work it takes to achieve such an honor.

Congratulations to the outstanding students and teachers of Humble ISD. The people of the Humble and Houston community are fortunate to have such a school district.

And that's just the way it is.

2015 INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS FOR THE EASTERN PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS CHAPTER 48

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 installation of officers for the Eastern Prince William County Disabled American Veterans Chapter 48. Surrounded by the Pentagon, U.S. Army Garrison Fort Belvoir, and the Marine Corps Base Quantico, Chapter 48 plays a vital role in the lives of the more than 50,000 veterans and active duty service members residing in Prince William County.

It is with great honor I submit the names of the following Chapter 48 Officers:

Commander—Ron Burgess
Senior Vice Commander—Ben Petrone
Junior Vice Commander—Darin Dsouza
Treasurer—Tim Perry
Chaplain—Kristi Pappas

Established by Congressional charter over 90 years ago, the DAV serves as an organization of veterans dedicated to ensuring the general well being of disabled military veterans of the United States Armed Forces and their families. Operating independently of federal funding, the DAV Organization consists of more than 1900 local chapters and 1.2 million members. Whether it be assistance with filing disability compensation claims or transportation assistance to ensure the safe transport of wounded or ill veterans to their medical appointments, the DAV is readily available for veterans in need.

While a new executive board has been elected, the mission of Chapter 48 remains in alignment with that of the national DAV: "empowering veterans to lead high-quality lives with respect and dignity." Over the past 30 years, Chapter 48 has donated over \$200,000 to the Hunter Holmes McGuire Veterans Administration Medical Center in Richmond to ensure access to a full range of benefits for veterans and their families as well as public education programs on the sacrifices and needs of veterans as they transition back into civilian life.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleague join me in recognizing the men and women of the Eastern Prince William County Disabled American Veterans Chapter 48 for their service to our country and steadfast commitment to their fellow heroes of the Armed Services.

RECOGNIZING LIBBY ARY, BEN HEISERMAN, JUSTINE SANDERS, LAUREL TEAL AND FIONA WICHT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 13, 2015

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Libby Ary, Ben Heiserman, Justine Sanders, Laurel Teal and Fiona Wicht for their hard work and dedication to the people of Colorado's Sixth District as interns in my Washington, DC office for the summer of the 114th Congress, First Session.

The work of these young men and women has been exemplary and I know they all have bright futures. They served as tour guides, interacted with constituents, and learned a great deal about our nation's legislative process. I was glad to be able to offer this educational opportunity to these five and look forward to seeing them build their careers in public service.

All five of our interns have made plans to continue their education in Colorado and throughout the United States. I am certain they will succeed in their new roles and wish them all the best in their future endeavors. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Libby Ary, Ben Heiserman, Justine Sanders, Laurel Teal and Fiona Wicht for their service this summer.

HONORING SIMON LOWES

HON. DEVIN NUNES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 13, 2015

Mr. NUNES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Simon Lowes, of California's 11th District, upon the occasion of his retirement from Chevron.

After graduating with a Bachelor's Degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Birmingham in England, Simon began his 48-year career at Chevron in 1967 working as a process engineer at the Richmond Chevron Refinery. After subsequently earning a Master's Degree in Finance at the University of Pennsylvania, Simon continued to build an impressive resume, holding over 15 challenging positions over the next four decades in Indonesia, Nigeria, the Ivory Coast, Singapore, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

Among Simon's most noted accomplishments was his leadership in developing Chevron's Angola Partnership Initiative. Following a 27-year civil war that ravaged Angola's economy, Simon helped to design a social investment initiative to rebuild local capacity and stimulate economic recovery. Due in large part to his efforts, in partnership with the U.S. Agency for International Development, Chevron's unprecedented \$25 million commitment to this effort helped over 2 million people re-establish food security.

Simon was also instrumental in launching the Chevron Aceh Recovery Initiative, which assisted victims of the 2004 tsunami in Indonesia. Through a series of micro-finance programs and the establishment of a polytechnic institute, this program provided job training and livelihoods to thousands of distressed Indonesians.

In recent years, Simon has drawn on his extensive overseas experience to help lead Chevron's Corporate Social Responsibility strategy. As a result of this project and his many other endeavors, Simon's colleagues within Chevron and the development community have come to know him as a passionate innovator, a trusted and loyal mentor and, above all, an eternal optimist.

Simon leaves Chevron with the respect, admiration and gratitude of those who have had the pleasure of working with him, and the knowledge that he has positively impacted not only Chevron, but thousands of people around the world.

I would also like to recognize Simon's devoted wife, Shirley, and their three accomplished children, Aubrey, Chris and Ashley. Together, they built a family-focused life filled with new adventures, embracing each opportunity with curiosity and enthusiasm.

We extend our appreciation for a job well done, and wish Simon a well-deserved retirement.

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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 Osage 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 Osage High School for a job well done.

CONGRATULATING THE UNITED STATES BOWLING CONGRESS

HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 13, 2015

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the United States Bowling Congress, headquartered in the 33rd Congressional District, in Arlington, Texas which I have the privilege of representing for leading the International Bowling Campus Youth Development Initiative and being the winner of the 2015 Sports Teach Respect Initiative Values and Excellence (STRIVE) Organization of the Year.

On Tuesday, July 14, Representatives of the U.S. Bowling Congress will be in the nation's capital to accept the STRIVE award as part of the National Youth Sports Week activities being hosted by the National Council of Youth Sports (NCYS) along with various fun sports related participation stations and youth sports participants.

Each year the NCYS recognizes five finalist organizations that meet the "kids first" approach. Nominations are submitted by the public nationwide and each team is accessed