

\$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.

#### CONGRATULATING OSAGE HIGH SCHOOL FOR 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 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

on how well they implement best practices and policies that protect kids and promote safety. The five finalist organizations are listed on the NCYS website for voting by the public. The STRIVE Award is then presented to organizations that exhibit heartfelt passion and dedication to helping kids succeed in sports, while maintaining a commitment to safety procedures. The STRIVE award recipient receives a \$5,000 donation.

Comprised of numerous representatives in the youth sports industry, NCYS was founded in 1979, and its membership represents more than 200 organizations/corporations serving 60,000,000 registered participants in organized youth sports programs. NCYS is the largest known organization in America representing the youth sports industry, and its members include organizations such as, the American Association of Cheerleading Coaches and Administrators (Cheer Safe), American Legion Baseball, American Youth Soccer Organization, Jewish Community Centers Association of North America, YMCA of America, Pop Warner, Special Olympics North America, and U.S. Tennis Association.

International Bowling Campus Youth Development is a joint effort of the United States Bowling Congress (USBC) and Bowling Proprietors Association of America (BPAA). It is the largest organization serving youth bowling (145,000 youth bowlers last season) that supports a ladder-based development system designed for the growth of the athlete. Since the inception of the U.S. Bowling Congress' SMART program, more than \$6 million scholarships have been awarded nationally to youth bowlers through organized league and tournament competition. They also collaborate with external amateur athletic organizations to protect the amateur status of student-athletes within bowling, as well as other sports.

I commend the International Bowling Campus Youth Development and the U.S. Bowling Congress on this wonderful achievement and their work in Arlington and around the country, as well as the National Council of Youth Sports on the work it does as the go-to source for youth sports and safety programs.

#### RECOGNIZING THE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2015 PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION AWARDS

##### HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 13, 2015*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the recipients of the 2015 Prince William County Human Rights Commission Awards.

The Prince William Board of County Supervisors (BOCS) implemented the Human Rights Ordinance January 15, 1993, formally establishing the Human Rights Commission. Two years prior, the BOCS formed the Human Rights Study Committee to explore the needs of a community that was growing in population and diversity. An exhaustive effort that included numerous committee meetings and public hearings identified a strong community desire for a human rights ordinance and an agency to enforce it. The Human Rights Ordinance prohibits discriminatory practices based

on race, color, sex, national origin, religion, marital status, or disability, as well as in the consideration of employment, housing, public accommodations, education, and credit, in Prince William County.

The BOCS approved the ordinance in September 1992 to ensure that "each citizen is treated fairly, provided equal protection of the law, and equal opportunity to participate in the benefits, rights, and privileges of community life." Residents enlist the services of the commission if they feel their rights have been violated in the areas of employment, fair housing, credit, education and public accommodation.

In celebration of Universal Human Rights Day, the Human Rights Commission recognizes individuals and organizations that promote the principles of human rights in Prince William County. It is my honor to submit the recipients of the 2015 Prince William County Human Rights Commission Awards:

Eleana Boyer  
Albert Brooks  
Cynthia Brown  
Victoria Graham  
Luke Torian, 2nd Delegate

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the recipients of the 2015 Prince William County Human Rights Commission Awards. We owe a deep debt of gratitude to these honorees for their efforts to safeguard our most basic rights and remind us of our common humanity. Let us use their example to rededicate ourselves to the fight against inequity and injustice.

#### HONORING MR. BILL ALTAFER

##### HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 13, 2015*

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, the people of Tucson lost a tremendous presence in our community with the recent passing of Bill Altaffer. An attorney by trade and a humanitarian at heart, Bill was deeply committed to improving the quality of life in Arizona, across the country and around the world.

After graduating with honors from Pitzer College and earning his law degree from the University of Arizona, he served as associate general counsel to three Indian nations, assisting their governments in the interpretation of their constitutions and the enactment of environmental protection legislation.

Bill's affiliations speak volumes about his commitment to helping others. He was a member of the Muscular Dystrophy Association's (MDA) National Task Force Steering Committee, and a member and past chairman of the Southern Arizona Task Force on Public Awareness. In 1995, he received the MDA's National Personal Achievement Award, and in 2002, received the Tucson Human Relations Commission's Rabbi Albert T. Bilgray Make a Difference Award for his lifelong activism for human rights and social change based on the rule of law.

Bill and his wife, Colette, led the groundbreaking effort to enact the Inclusive Home Design Ordinance in Pima County, Arizona. This visitability ordinance requires new single-family houses to meet minimum accessibility standards, thereby promoting the independence of people with disabilities. It remains

the most progressive legislation of its type in the country today.

It was through this visitability ordinance effort that I first came to know both Bill and Colette. I immediately admired their commitment to their cause, and equally as important, their commitment to each other. The love they shared for each other was an inspiration to anyone who met them. They truly were soul mates, meant to be partners in their lives and in their vision for helping others.

Together they spent countless hours educating elected officials and their staffs, home builders, and community members alike about the incredibly positive impact that simple alterations to home designs can have for individuals with disabilities. Their efforts will benefit our community for decades to come. Bill and Colette guided the committee's efforts in creating and passing a visitability ordinance that propelled Pima County to the forefront of ensuring home accessibility for everyone. Their efforts helped many people remain in their homes, and access the homes of friends and family with little significant costs added to the price of a new home.

Bill may be gone from our material world, but he will remain in the hearts and minds of anyone who was lucky enough to meet him. His life together with Colette is an inspiration to everyone sharing their lifelong commitment to fighting injustice.

#### OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

##### HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 13, 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 \$18,151,931,284,495.35. We've added \$7,525,054,235,582.27 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.

#### CONGRATULATING SILEX 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 Silex 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 Silex High School for a job well done.