

President Muhamadu Buhari has said he won't make promises about freeing these captives that he can't guarantee, but I expect he will make every effort to free the Chibok girls, as well as the many others taken by Boko Haram.

I have met previously with young women who have escaped from Boko Haram, in Jos and Abuja, Nigeria, and here in the United States. They confirm the abuse of their sisters and mourn their loss as we do. I want to thank Emmanuel Ogebe for all his help in arranging these meetings and the programs allowing some of these young women to come to the United States for an education. An estimated 10,000 other Nigerian youth are prevented from being educated because of disruptions caused by Boko Haram.

My subcommittee has held several hearings on Boko Haram and convinced the administration to declare Boko Haram a Foreign Terrorist Organization, which they announced at our November 13, 2013, hearing.

I have since pressed the administration to use authorities under the FTO designation to investigate and identify for the Nigerian Government those who support Boko Haram. I also have worked to end the current roadblocks preventing U.S. counterterrorism training for Nigerian troops.

During the past year, social media worldwide has exploded with the "Bring Back Our Girls" campaign. I must compliment my colleague, Congresswoman FREDERICA WILSON, who has maintained her efforts to free the Chibok girls and all the others kidnapped by Boko Haram, while others have moved on to different issues.

I have worked with Congresswoman WILSON to update her House Resolution 147, which focuses on bringing to an end the violence unleashed by Boko Haram and bringing material aid to those harmed by their attacks. We also have joined in this legislation to press initiatives I mentioned earlier. I hope my subcommittee and our committee can move this legislation to the floor soon to give a boost to U.S. efforts to help Nigeria end the reign of terror by Boko Haram.

RECOGNIZING BROWNSTOWN
ELECTRIC SUPPLY COMPANY

HON. TODD C. YOUNG

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 27, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, many Hoosier small businesses across my district power the economic engine of the state, while also playing a critical role in the civic life of their communities. Today it is my honor to highlight one such small business. Brownstown Electric Supply Company, based in Brownstown Indiana, is a privately owned electrical supply company that has provided utility companies with technical expertise and electrical supplies for over four decades.

Carl Shake founded Brownstown Electric Supply Company in 1970 after a long career in the electrical supply and utility service industry. Brownstown Electric has grown from a small business in Jackson County, Indiana to a regional company that has expanded its reach as far as Illinois, Kentucky, and Ohio. Brownstown Electric is now run by Carl's son

in law, Greg Deck, who stewards the company with the same principles that have made Brownstown Electric a staple of Southern Indiana.

In addition to supplying electrical equipment and providing expertise in the field, Brownstown Electric is an active member of the local community. They sponsor local high school sports teams, participate in the Brownstown High School school-to-work program, and contribute to the Jackson County History Center of Indiana. Brownstown Electric also encourages their employees to get involved and volunteer in the community. This heart for service is exemplified in their organization of the Zach Pickard Pelican Run. The community-wide event is a 5K run/walk event dedicated to raising money to find a cure for Hutchinson-Gilford progeria syndrome. Employees of Brownstown Electric organized the fundraiser in honor of an employee's son who lives with the genetic condition.

Brownstown Electric Supply Company is emblematic of the Hoosier ethic. They are family-owned and operated, deliver quality products and service, and possess a strong commitment to improving the lives in the community.

It is an honor to represent a business like Brownstown Electric. I hope their exemplary business ethic serves to inspire other would-be entrepreneurs, and I am pleased to highlight their good work today in this installment of Indiana's 9th District Small Business Spotlight.

CONGRATULATING SHARON
CONATSER

HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 27, 2015

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Sharon Conatser on being elected national president of the American Legion Auxiliary earlier this year. The American Legion Auxiliary is the nation's largest women's patriotic service organization, led by the national president who promotes the organization's mission advocating for veterans, educating citizens, mentoring youth, and promoting patriotism, good citizenship, peace, and security.

Mrs. Conatser grew up in Central Illinois and has been a lifetime member of the American Legion family. She first became involved through her father, a WWII and Korean War veteran. Her husband also served as the national commander of the American Legion, making her the first national president who was also a First Lady of the American Legion.

Mrs. Conatser is retired from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where she worked for 25 years. She has held numerous leadership positions with the American Legion Auxiliary, and remains active in her church and her community, serving as an inspiring example of a dedicated public servant. I am proud of Mrs. Conatser's accomplishments and it is an honor to represent her in the 13th District of Illinois.

Mrs. Conatser will be a strong national leader for the American Legion Auxiliary and I wish her the best in serving our country's veterans, active duty military, their families, and their communities.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF
DAVID DOWNEY

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 27, 2015

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a special man, David Downey, of Bourbon County, Kentucky. Mr. Downey, a part of the Greatest Generation, answered the call to serve during World War II and had a long military career. Today it is my honor to recognize him before the United States House of Representatives.

Mr. Downey was born in Bourbon County and graduated from Western High School. He was drafted into the United States Navy in 1944 and began his career in boot camp at Great Lakes, Illinois. He left the Navy after a year and a half of service, and quickly decided to return in 1946. He remained in the Navy until 1968. Mr. Downey served on a transport ship during World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. He also served on destroyers and served as a cook. During his service in Vietnam, he was honored to meet Roger Staubach, a Naval Academy graduate and Heisman trophy winner.

Following his retirement from the Navy in 1968, he returned home to Kentucky. He worked various jobs before taking a position as a bus driver for the Paris Independent School system. He spent the next twenty two years driving schoolchildren in Bourbon County.

Mr. Downey is an active member of the Seventh Street Christian Church where he serves as a deacon and sings in the Chariots of Fire choir. He loves to bowl and is an active member of a league. Downey and his late wife Nannette, were married for fifty three years. He has two girls and a boy.

The bravery of Mr. Downey and his fellow men and women of the United States Navy is heroic. Because of his courage and the courage of individuals from all across Kentucky and our great nation, our freedoms have been preserved for our generation and for future generations. He is truly an outstanding American, a patriot, and a hero to us all.

RECOGNIZING JEFF HUNT

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 27, 2015

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Jeff Hunt on being selected to serve as the new leader of Colorado Christian University's Centennial Institute. I commend his hard work and dedication to the community. Mr. Hunt's impressive career in public service has enriched the lives of so many.

Mr. Hunt's work in the public and private sector, coupled with his principled values, has proven to be invaluable. I am confident that his great spiritual and intellectual strength will make him an exceptional Director at the Centennial Institute.

On behalf of the 4th Congressional District of Colorado, I extend my best wishes as he takes on this well-deserved position. It is truly an honor to celebrate his many accomplishments. Mr. Hunt's dedication to public service