

instructed DHS to allow them to visit Guam without a visa in 2014. The airport has kept high standards for itself to ensure the safety of its patrons and the people of Guam. In 2014, the 1st Cycle of the Airport's Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting Division was installed.

While the airport has made major achievements in the last 40 years, the GIAA leadership continues to look to growth in the future. In 2014, they began a capital improvement program with plans to further enhance their facilities that will provide nearly \$167 million of economic activity into the local economy. I look forward to continue working with GIAA to ensure that they are provided with federal funding to support their future growth and facilities enhancements. Our airport is a critical link in our entire island's economy.

Again, I congratulate Antonio B. Won Pat Guam International Airport Authority and commend its leadership and all employees for their contributions to our local community and throughout the Asia-Pacific region. I thank and commend all of the GIAA's tenants and partners for their commitment to the airport and the community of Guam. I join the people of Guam in recognizing the GIAA on their 40th anniversary and I look forward to their future contributions and success.

RECOGNIZING THE HOOSIER
YOUTH PHILHARMONIC

HON. TODD C. YOUNG

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 1, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Bloomington, Indiana's High School Orchestra, the Hoosier Youth Philharmonic.

I want to congratulate the Hoosier Youth Philharmonic on being invited to perform at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. as part of the "2016 Capital Orchestra Festival." As a resident of Bloomington, I am particularly proud of the High School Orchestra's achievements this year. They have worked very hard, and merit respect and celebration.

Accomplishments such as this are achieved through diligence and commitment. The Hoosier Youth Philharmonic is one of seven outstanding North American orchestras invited to perform at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. in Washington, D.C. On February 14th, 2016, the Hoosier Youth Philharmonic will perform on the same stage as many great American and international artists, such as La Scala Opera Company, Yo-Yo Ma, and the London Philharmonic Opera.

I want to commend Music Director, Jane Gouker on her successful 36-year tenure as the orchestra's conductor. Mobilizing the 103 piece student orchestra, replete with instruments, luggage, and chaperones is a herculean effort, and Director Gouker has executed seamlessly. The Hoosier Youth Philharmonic serves as an inspiration to many members of the community of Bloomington and Hoosiers across Southern Indiana. I wish them the best of luck as they perform on Sunday, February 14th at the renowned Kennedy Center.

IN RECOGNITION OF UNIVISION
SAN DIEGO'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JUAN VARGAS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 1, 2016

Mr. VARGAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of Univision San Diego.

Founded on February 14, 1989, Univision San Diego made its debut by airing the Rose Parade on January 1, 1990. On March 15, 1990, Univision San Diego became a full newscast and began presenting local news capsules. It has since provided news, sports, specials, variety and talk shows to the residents of San Diego County. Univision San Diego has become the premier Spanish-language news station in the region. Operating under the mantra of "contigo", meaning "with you", Univision San Diego focuses on the issues that are the most relevant to the Hispanic community: education, health, economy, immigration, and the day-to-day impacts of the citizens on their communities. Univision San Diego's dedication to the most pressing issues attracts an average of a quarter-million viewers weekly.

I would like to send Univision San Diego my sincerest congratulations on reaching this important milestone.

HONORING CURTIS BEACH

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 1, 2016

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Curtis Beach, a tremendous athlete from Albuquerque, New Mexico who has demonstrated some of the best qualities an athlete can have—sportsmanship, a competitive spirit, and the refusal to give up.

Curtis, the eldest of two children, was born on July 22, 1990 to Jeana King-Beach and David Beach. At an early age, Curtis proved that he was destined to be a runner when he was chasing a horse named Lobo. Curtis went up to Lobo who promptly ran away, but Curtis gave chase, caught up to Lobo who ran off again, but Curtis refused to give up and kept running after Lobo. This continued for two hours without Curtis tiring.

Curtis also started playing sports when he was young, but even then it was clear that his main passion was running. When he was five, Curtis tried recreational soccer. Jeana fondly recalls Curtis running back and forth across the field but not pursuing the ball. Jeana told him that he should try to score, but Curtis continued to run. Three years later Curtis joined the track club and has not stopped running since.

From 2004–2009, Curtis attended Albuquerque Academy where he won 17 individual New Mexico state high school titles in track and field. At the 2009 Great Southwest Classic in Arcadia Invitational, Curtis set the national high school decathlon record with 7909 points. Then, at the National Scholastic Indoor Championships in New York, in March 2009, Curtis reached 4127 points in the pentathlon,

winning the championship and ranking second all-time in the event. Later that year, he won the decathlon at both the Pan American Junior Games and the USATF National Junior Championships. DyeStat, a prominent track and field website, noted that "[Beach] ends all doubt—he is the greatest US high school decathlete ever."

But Curtis was just getting started. Curtis enrolled at Duke University where in his freshman year at the 2011 NCAA Men's Outdoor Track and Field Championship, he finished second overall in the decathlon. This included a time of 3:59.13 in the 1500 meters which shattered the previous collegiate record and was the second-fastest 1500 meters ever for a decathlete. As a sophomore, Curtis finished first in the heptathlon at the 2012 NCAA Men's Indoor Track and Field Championship with 6,138 points. Curtis also broke his own world record in the heptathlon 1000 meters with a spectacular finish of 2:23.63. Upon graduation, Curtis was a two-time All-American in the decathlon and a three-time All-American in the heptathlon.

I would also like to commend the remarkable sportsmanship that Curtis displayed at the 2012 Olympic trials. Curtis had injured his elbow, so he lacked the necessary points to win the decathlon. But in the final event, the 1500 meters, Curtis' friend, Ashton Eaton, had an opportunity to set the world record in the decathlon. Recognizing this, Curtis paced Eaton and then slowed down to allow Ashton Eaton to win the event in which he set the world record. Not only is Curtis a world class athlete, but he is also a true role model. Curtis recognized that there is more in sports than just winning—team play and sportsmanship matter just as much and for this he was awarded the International Fair Play Award in 2012. Curtis also received the Athlete of the Year award in 2012 and 2014 from the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association National Field.

Now that Curtis' illustrious college career has ended, he has turned pro. In September, 2014 he moved to Phoenix, Arizona, to train at the World Athletic Center with other star athletes from around the world. He made his professional debut at 2015 Azusa Pacific University and placed second. A month later, Curtis qualified for the Olympic trials which will take place later this year in July. If Curtis places in the top three he will qualify for the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Curtis is a fierce competitor, a tremendous athlete, and a rare and true model of sportsmanship. We are lucky to call him our own, and it has been a pleasure to watch his many victories. I look forward to watching his career blossom, and I will be cheering him on as he tries out for the 2016 Olympics.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL TO
CLARIFY CERTAIN DUE PROCESS
RIGHTS OF FEDERAL EMPLOYEES
SERVING IN SENSITIVE POSITIONS

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 1, 2016

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, as hundreds of thousands of our federal workers face

uncertainty in wages and work, I rise along with my House colleague ROBERT J. WITTMAN to introduce a bill to clarify certain due process rights of federal employees serving in sensitive positions. Our bill would overturn an unprecedented federal court decision, *Kaplan v. Conyers and MSPB*, which stripped many federal employees of the right to independent review of an agency decision removing them from a job on grounds of ineligibility. The case was brought by two Department of Defense (DOD) employees, Rhonda Conyers, an accounting technician, and Devon Northover, a commissary management specialist, who were permanently demoted and suspended from their jobs after they were found to no longer be eligible to serve in noncritical sensitive positions. In 2014, the Supreme Court declined to hear the case, which allowed the appeals court decision to stand.

Specifically, the decision prevents federal workers who are designated as “noncritical sensitive” from appealing to the Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB) if they are removed from their jobs. Noncritical sensitive jobs include those that do not have access to classified information. The decision would affect at least 200,000 DOD employees who are designated as noncritical sensitive. Even more seriously, most federal employees could potentially lose the same right to an independent review of an agency’s decision because of a rule by the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI), which went into effect in July 2015, that permits agency heads to designate most jobs in the federal government as noncritical sensitive.

The Kaplan decision undercuts Title 5, section 7701 of the Civil Service Act, which ensures due process rights for federal workers required by the U.S. Constitution. Stripping employees whose work does not involve classified matters of the right of review of an agency decision that removes them from their jobs opens entirely new avenues for unreviewable, arbitrary action or retaliation by an agency head and, in addition, makes a mockery of whistleblower protections enacted in the 112th Congress. My bill would stop the use of “national security” to repeal a vital component of civil service protection and of due process.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

HONORING CECIL HULSEY

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 1, 2016

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the outstanding achievements and successful career of Cecil Hulsey from Farmington, Missouri. After more than sixty years of helping friends and neighbors find affordable homes and reliable insurance coverage, Cecil Hulsey has decided to retire at the age of ninety.

As a native of the Farmington area, his devotion to his hometown was evident even as a young bombardier on a B-29 during World War II. Showcasing his salesmanship and hometown pride, he convinced his fellow crew members to name their plane the “City of Farmington.” Stationed in Guam during the

war, Mr. Hulsey and the “City of Farmington” would officially fly 27 missions, once flying five missions in nine days.

After the war, Mr. Hulsey began a career selling insurance following a recommendation from his family doctor that prompted him to interview with a local insurance agent. After nine years of exclusive work in the insurance field, he entered the real estate business in 1957.

Over the years, Mr. Hulsey has been an active member of the community not only as a businessman, but as a community leader. He was a member of the Farmington Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club, acting as secretary for both organizations. His efforts even helped to begin the construction of a new high school in Farmington.

For his many contributions to the Farmington community and his personal successes, it is my pleasure to recognize Cecil Hulsey before the United States House of Representatives.

HONORING JOHN O'BRIEN, PRESIDENT OF THE WEST SIDE IRISH AMERICAN CLUB

HON. JAMES B. RENACCI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 1, 2016

Mr. RENACCI. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate John O'Brien, upon the achievement of twenty years as President of one of the premier Irish organizations in America, the West Side Irish American Club.

The West Side Irish American Club exists to preserve and promote the rich Irish cultural heritage in song, dance, literature, sports and traditions. It provides a forum for the enrichment of family and the enhancement of friendships. John O'Brien demonstrates a commitment to the Irish community on a daily basis. Service to the Irish community is the foundation of John O'Brien's endeavors. John O'Brien exemplifies the spirit of the WSIA member—love of culture and celebration of community.

John O'Brien was born in Kiltloon, County Roscommon, Ireland and arrived in North America first in Montreal, Canada where he met his wife, Eileen. The O'Briens settled in Cleveland, Ohio in 1963. They raised four children, Noreen, Catherine, Patricia and John Jr.

John O'Brien was first elected President of the West Side Irish American Club in 1995. Under his leadership many capital improvements to the facility have been achieved, including a new storage building and workshop, a beautiful gazebo, conversion to a city water and sewer system, complete renovation of the Great Hall, addition of the Madison and Abbey Rooms, and the upgrade of the football field. He also oversees the “Tuesday Volunteers,” doing countless maintenance and cleaning projects.

John O'Brien's dedication, his steady hand and his quiet, unassuming demeanor and his humility inspire others to participate in club activities.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognition of John O'Brien for his constant dedication to preserving Irish culture and to giving future generations of Irish-Americans the gift of knowledge of their traditions.

HONORING THE LEGACY OF LARRY PURDOM IN MISSOURI CATTLE BREEDING

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 1, 2016

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Larry Purdom, for his legacy of success and innovation in Missouri dairy cattle breeding.

Starting in 1957, Larry and his wife Alice have cultivated one of the most outstanding herds of Holstein dairy cows in Missouri. He had his first Grand Champion cow at the Missouri State Fair in 1964, which he repeated in 1966, 1976, 1977 and 1978. He also had several other championships recognized at the Ozark Empire Fair, the Missouri Dairyman's Institute, and the Southern National show. In the show ring, Larry had 35 cows win All-Missouri honors.

In addition to his prize winning cows, Larry has had an enormous impact on the development of Missouri Holstein cattle as among the best in the nation. His prize winning bull Senator Flame was placed in the Carnation Genetics AI stud in 1972, improving many herds around the country. Larry has also provided bulls for families on farms across Southwest Missouri and Northwest Arkansas, helping to augment herds where artificial insemination was not practicable.

Larry has also personally received the 2011 Missouri Dairy Hall of Honors Distinguished Dairy Cattle Breeder award, in addition to the Missouri Dairy Hall of Honors Dairy Leadership Award in 2002. He served as President of the Missouri Dairy Association from 2003–2014, and also served on the National Dairy Board, as well both the division and corporate boards of the Midwest Dairy Association.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my gratitude and admiration for what Larry Purdom has accomplished in his career. His prize winning cattle have improved the stock of herds throughout the state, as well as helping to establish the Missouri Holstein as a premier breed of dairy cattle. On behalf of the 7th District, I congratulate him on his dedication and his well-earned accomplishments.

CONGRATULATING LESLEY LEON GUERRERO FOR BEING CHOSEN AS THE GUAM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2015 REINA A. LEDDY GUAM YOUNG PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 1, 2016

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lesley Leon Guerrero on being selected as the Guam Chamber of Commerce 2015 Reina A. Leddy Guam Young Professional of the Year. Lesley was named the Guam Young Professional of the Year on Friday, January 15, 2016. She is the Vice President and Director of Customer Service for the Bank of Guam where she leads a team dedicated to providing exceptional customer service and helping clients achieve financial success.